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## Amir will visit Iraq

KUWAIT, Sept. 10. (Reuters): HH the Amir of Kuwait will visit Iraq late this month for the first time since he came to the throne in 1977, two Kuwaiti newspapers said today.

## Truce offer if Lanka agrees

COLOMBO, Sept. 10. (Agencies): India has promised to order a ceasefire if Sri Lanka President Ranasinghe Premadasa accepts its proposal for the withdrawal of Indian peacekeeping soldiers, a senior official said today.

Also today, military officials said they feared at least 150 Tamil civilians may have died since Friday in the latest Indian military offensive against Tamil rebels in northeastern Sri Lanka. An Indian official denied the charge.

A government communique, meanwhile, reported nine people were killed today in continuing ethnic violence.

India, seeking to end a diplomatic stalemate over its peacekeeping troops in Sri Lanka, announced last week a new proposal for withdrawing the 42,000 soldiers that had been sent to Premadasa for approval. Details of the proposal, worked out last week during the non-aligned summit in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, were not disclosed.

A senior Sri Lankan government official said on condition of not being identified yesterday that India agreed to pull its troops out of Sri Lanka by Dec 31, two months earlier than previously offered.

Another government official, also speaking on condition of not being identified, said today that India also promised to order its troops to halt all military operations against the Tamils once the proposal was accepted. The rebels would be asked to observe the ceasefire, he said.

The official said the cabinet, which will discuss the proposal on Wednesday, probably would accept the Dec 31 deadline but would ask India to provide a more detailed pullout timetable.

In New Delhi, a Foreign Ministry spokesman declined comment.

In Madras, India, Tamil Tigers rebels told an Indian-backed council governing Tamil areas of Sri Lanka today to resign by Oct 1 or be treated as enemies.

**Ortega due**  
KUWAIT, Sept. 10. (Agencies): Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega will tour a number of Arab countries including Kuwait, well placed sources told a Kuwaiti daily.

Quoting the sources, the paper said Ortega is keen on visiting the region and establishing strong relations with the countries of this area. But the sources would not say when Ortega would visit the region.

The Nicaraguan Foreign Minister was quoted today as saying his country would open an embassy in Abu Dhabi in the coming months.

"Our country looks forward to establishing good and close relations with all Arab countries especially in the Gulf, and Nicaragua will open an embassy in Abu Dhabi in the next few months," the local daily also reported quoting Miguel d'Escoto as saying in Belgrade.

## Fierce assault on besieged enclave

Riyadh conditions mediation

BEIRUT, Sept. 10. (Agencies): Syrians and their allies attacked three major gateways into the besieged Christian enclave north of Beirut today.

Police said three people were killed and 14 wounded in overnight artillery duels and daytime gunbattles across the museum crossing on Beirut's dividing Green Line as well as the mountain-top towns of Souk El Gharb and Ein El Tuffaha.

That raised the casualty toll since the current round of Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war erupted March 8 to at least 836 killed and 2,488 wounded.

Police said Syrian guns opened up before dawn on ships trying to run a six-month blockade of the Christian enclave, apparently suspecting the vessels were carrying arms and supplies from Iraq, Aoun's main backer.

Aoun's gunners responded with 155mm Howitzer barrages against Syrian artillery batteries along the seaside Ein Mreisch boulevard in West Beirut.



Mohamed Moada has been elected the new secretary-general of the main Tunisian opposition party, MDS. (Reuters wirephoto)

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal Al Saud said today the Arab committee on Lebanon could resume its peace efforts only with the co-operation of the warring sides.

The Arab League gave the

### Israelis kill 5

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (UPI): Five Palestinians were killed today during one of the bloodiest days this year in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinian and military sources said.

Three West Bank Palestinians were killed by army gunfire, a suspected collaborator was stabbed to death, and a Gaza Strip teenager was shot to death by Israeli civilians escorting a gasoline delivery truck, the sources said.

In addition, soldiers shot and wounded at least 14 Arabs, including a 16-month-old girl, while residents of Nablis, the largest West Bank city, said dozens of people were beaten, the Palestinian sources said.

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heads of state of Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco a six-month mandate in May to end Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

The three states suspended their efforts at the end of July, saying they could make no progress, but after intensified fighting in Lebanon they agreed to meet in Jeddah next Wednesday to discuss a new peace drive.

"Hopefully ... we will find a way that will allow us to move forward pending, of course, the agreement and willingness of all participants to help and contribute," Saud told a news conference at the end of a three-day visit to Cairo.

"I would like to stress that the tripartite committee is not shirking off its responsibility ... in providing a solution," he said. "But it can only move as far and as quickly as the participants in the Lebanese situation agree to or accept."

Syrian and Christian forces traded tank and gunfire at Souk El Gharb and Ein El Tuffaha fronts in the central mountains all day, police reported.

The two abandoned summer resort towns have key road junctions leading to the Christian heartland from the central mountains. They are 16 miles (25 kilometres) apart east and south-east of Beirut.

The Syrians and Christians clashed in running gunbattles behind heavy artillery barrages across the museum passage that constitutes the main crossing point between the Christian enclave and Muslim West Beirut.

Police said several buildings were ablaze as the thunder of exploding shells resounded across the city. Radio stations urged the remaining population to seek refuge in basements and bomb shelters.

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### Sarah kills 16

MANILA, Sept. 10. (UPI): Typhoon Sarah plowed through northern Philippines farmlands today, triggering floods and landslides that left at least 16 people dead and more than 3,000 homeless, officials said.

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### Who killed my husband?

Yusef Mohamed Milhelm, an appointed Palestinian secretary of a municipal council, was slain by masked gunmen near his home in Kalkilya. Yusuf's

wife and a relative grieve his death. (Reuters wirephoto) (See page 7)

### Civil ID queries computerised

## A 'bit' less of a 'byte'

KUWAIT, Sept. 10. (Kuna): Director-general of the Public Authority for Civil Information, Faisal Al Shaiji today said that the authority has introduced a new system, enabling the public to make any enquiries pertinent to the civil identity card by telephone.

Shaiji, told a press conference that the new system, linked with the automatic telephone network, provides the caller with any relevant information, concerning his/her ID card or IDs of his/her family members, through computer and without any third party interference.

The official said the caller should use push-button telephone sets, provide the computer with his/her civil ID number and wait for the reply of the computer, which, he said, would be able to specify the place from where to collect the ID, if it is issued otherwise, it would give the valid reasons, which may have hindered issuance of the card and advise the caller to contact one of the authority's office to give the required information before collecting

the card. The director maintained that the service is the first of its kind in the Middle East and expressed optimism over expected results, which, he went on, would lessen rush at the counters. The system will enable any person in Kuwait to use the facility. One has to dial 2661000 to get an answer in Arabic and for reply in English, 2663000 should be dialled.

Plans are under study by the authority, to introduce additional telephone services to reply on queries by other large communities residing in Kuwait, such as Urdu-speakers, the official said.

Shaiji added that the authority is preparing to expand its auto-information service, indicating that new services, in this connection, would be introduced in due course to provide citizens and residents with more easier facilities.

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### 34 years a castaway

## Bahrain odyssey

BAHRAIN, Sept. 10. (Reuters): A Bahraini fisherman presumed dead after his boat sank 35 years ago has returned home.

Local newspapers today said Mubarak Al-Mas Salem flew home from Madagascar having finally persuaded the authorities after more than three decades that he was a Bahraini.

Salem's saga began when his sailing dhow sank in a storm en route to Oman in 1953. He was rescued by a French frigate bound for the then French colony of Madagascar.

But having lost his papers in the storm he was unable to convince anyone he was a Bahraini so languished stateless for over 30 years.



### North Koreans defect

Three North Koreans defected to South Korea on Sunday by walking through a mine field and swimming across a border river to a South Korean military post, military authorities said.

The defectors, two North Korean Army officers and a civilian hospital nurse, crossed the border overnight, the Defence Ministry said. They reached a military post early on Sunday, the ministry said.

The three defectors were identified as 2nd Lt. Kim Nam Ho, a platoon commander of the North Korean Army's 6th division, master Sgt. Kim Kwang Choon and Im Jung Hae, a nurse in Kaesung, it said. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Free to go

BUDAPEST, Sept. 10. (AP): Hungary announced today that thousands of East Germans who fled their communist homeland will be allowed to leave refugee camps for West Germany beginning at midnight (2200 GMT).

Hungary thus becomes the first east bloc government to help the citizens of another communist nation leave for the West.

"Interior Minister Istvan Horvath instructed the police and border guards to let East German citizens leave Hungary with their East German travel documents," it said. "The border guards are instructed to let them leave at any border point."

It said that would begin at midnight (2200 GMT). (See Page 4)

### Say no more

ISTANBUL, Sept. 10. (Reuters): Turkey's first speakers' corner modelled on the one in London's Hyde Park to encourage freedom of speech survived only for a day.

Police confiscated the speakers' rostrum yesterday.

Bakirkoy district Mayor Yildirim Aktuna set up "the free speech corner" in a park he named "Freedom Square" on Friday.

"They arrested the tribune and are probably torturing it now on the grounds that it has not confessed," joked Aktuna.

### Danube tragedy

## 151 'lost' as liner capsizes

VIENNA, Sept. 10. (Agencies): Rescuers were searching for 151 passengers missing after a Romanian ship collided today with a Bulgarian tugboat on the Danube river in Romania and sank, the official Agencepres news agency reported.

The accident occurred upstream of the city port of Galati, some 200 kilometers (125 miles) northeast of Bucharest, report said. The sinking occurred while visibility was poor, it added.

Only 18 of the 169 passengers aboard, as well as the ship's 13 crew, have been rescued so far, Agencepres said. It did not give the nationality of the passengers.

The report, which failed to provide further details, said rescue operations were continuing.

The Bulgarian state BTA news agency said the accident happened at 8:20 am (0620 GMT) today when the Romanian cruiser Mogosoaia collided with the Bulgarian ship Peter Karamitshev, which was towing a cargo of loaded barges.

"After alarm was sounded by the Bulgarian ship its crew and the crew of the ships in the proximity ran to help," BTA said.

BTA said casualties were registered from the Romanian ship in the collision but gave no figure. It said there was no information about casualties from the Bulgarian crew.

A Romanian government commission was set up to look into the causes of the accident.

Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu ordered a government commission to investigate the accident and Bulgarian authorities were co-operating in the inquiry.

## Britain deports bomber

LONDON, Sept. 10. (Agencies): An Iranian prisoner, whose case has been linked by Tehran to that of a Briton held in Iran, was released from a British prison today and deported home after serving seven years for his role in a car bombing.

The Home Office said Koroush Fouladi was put on a plane bound for Tehran at London's Heathrow airport.

Fouladi was sentenced in 1982 to 10 years' imprisonment after a bungled London car bombing in 1980 in which two men alleged to have been his accomplices were killed.

"He is simply being released because, with remission, he has served his time," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

It is customary for some prisoners in British jails to have their sentences cut by a third for good behaviour.

Iranian officials have publicly raised Fouladi's case in response to appeals for the release of Roger Cooper, a Briton who has been in jail in Iran on spying charges since 1985.

British press reports have speculated that the Iranian's return home could pave the way for Cooper's release but the Foreign Office spokesman said no deal had been struck.

"If they plan to let Roger Cooper go, that would be extremely welcome but there is no indication that they have such plans," the spokesman said.

The Iranian Parliament today warned of "consequences" to a request by nearly 200 US congressmen that the United States support Iranian resistance groups saying it was a call "for the overthrow of the Islamic republic."

Tehran Radio, quoted Parliament Speaker Mahdi Karubi as saying that "US leaders will take the wish of overthrowing the Islamic republic to their graves."

## Mother Teresa 'feeling brighter' but remains in ICU

CALCUTTA, Sept. 10. (UPI): Mother Teresa's heart is now beating at a regular pulse without the aid of a pacemaker and the 79-year-old Nobel laureate is "bright and cheerful" but remains in intensive care, her doctor said today.

The Roman Catholic nun of world-wide renown for her charity work was placed in Calcutta's Woodlands Nursing Home last Tuesday when she began experiencing an erratic pulse and related problems of fever and nausea.

Mother Teresa, who turned 79 on Aug 27, made an initial recovery, but her condition again deteriorated yesterday, prompting doctors to use a temporary external pacemaker to regulate her heartbeat.

"There has been no rise in her temperature and her heartbeat is regular, even without the use of the pacemaker," Dr Ashim Bardhan, the leader of the medical team tending the nun, said late today.

"She has remained bright and cheerful and eaten with a good appetite, and had a com-

table sleep in the afternoon," he said. "The pacemaker is being used externally. It has not been implanted into the mother's body, but the wires from the machine are connected to her arm."

Pope John Paul II sent a telegram expressing "assurance of his prayers and of his spiritual participation" in her treatment and offering a special papal blessing. President Bush communicated his hopes that she would recover quickly in a message personally delivered by the US consul general.

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## Zia son smells cover-up

LONDON, Sept 10, (UPI): Pakistan's government is guilty of a "great cover-up" in closing down the investigation of the 1988 plane crash that killed Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and 28 other people, Zia's son charged this week.

Ijaz-ul-Haq, 36, son of the late president of Pakistan, told reporters at a news conference he was making the charge to draw attention to what he believes is the attempt by the government of Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to quash the investigation into the Aug 17, 1988, plane crash.

All 29 aboard the C-130 transport — including Zia-ul-Haq, US Ambassador Arnold Raphel and many of Pakistan's top military leaders — were killed when the aircraft exploded.

"A team of experts was appointed after the crash and was continuing its probe when the new government took over in Pakistan in December, 1988," Ijaz-ul-Haq said.

A report of that official inquiry released in October 1988 said the crash was probably the result of sabotage but that whoever was responsible remained unknown.

"One of the major decisions of the government, headed by Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has been to ask the team of experts to consider the crash a closed issue," he said.

"However, notwithstanding the great cover-up, the people of Pakistan will continue to strive until the truth is established and the criminals responsible for the assassination of my father and Pakistan's top military brass have been identified and punished," he said.

# Benazir, Sharif in battle of rallies

Political test of strength.

ISLAMABAD, Sept 10, (Reuters): Pakistanis could be forgiven for thinking an election campaign was under way, given Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's current "battle of the rallies" with the opposition.

Her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and opposition leader

Nawaz Sharif's Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) are vying with each other to produce the biggest display of popular support.

On Monday the "campaign" reaches a head. Benazir, 36, will address a rally in Karachi and Sharif, 39, a gathering in his

powerbase Lahore.

Both sides have made use of government machinery for their rallies — Benazir at federal level and Sharif in the Punjab provincial government, of which he is chief minister.

Civil servants issue invitations, official advertisements are placed in the press to summon the people, transport is laid on at taxpayers' expense.

Both sides play the numbers game — attracting the maximum number of supporters and seeking to ensure that the most inflated estimates appear in next day's newspapers.

The contest began last month when Sharif decided to honour his political patron, military ruler General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, on the first anniversary of his death in a plane crash.

Zia's legacy had largely vanished as a factor in Pakistani politics but tens of thousands went to say prayers at his tomb at Islamabad's Faisal Mosque on Aug 17.

Zia was Benazir's implacable enemy and only his still unexplained death enabled her to win last November's elections. The term is for five years.

The IDA followed up 10 days later with an unexpectedly sizeable rally in Peshawar, the North West Frontier Province capital, where a PPP coalition government is under threat.

Benazir hit back last Thursday with an unprecedented celebration of Defence Day in Rawalpindi. As well as formally burying a 12-year feud with the military, who overthrew her father in 1977, she got the biggest turnout.

More than 100,000 people waving PPP flags thronged the streets of Rawalpindi, where military headquarters are situated, in what was generally acknowledged to be the biggest rally the town had known.

But, as respected commentator Maleeha Lodhi said, the PPP's legendary ability to draw the crowds should never have been in doubt. "It seems the PPP has fallen right into the IDA's trap," she wrote in the Muslim newspaper on Sunday.

"Deflecting the PPP's energies away from governance and towards the politics of jalsas - (rallies), takes it even further away from establishing itself as a party of government."

The test of a party in power lies not so much in how large a rally it can organise but how effectively and efficiently it can govern," Lodhi said.

"They are really playing our game," commented top Sharif aide Hussain Haqqani. "What we have proved in the past few weeks is that not only can we get crowds, but we can get them chanting pro-Zia slogans."

Monday's rallies are theoretically to mark the anniversary of the death in 1948 of the founder of Pakistan, Mohammad Ali Jinnah. In practice they are another political test of strength.

## 7 'die' in Cuban plane crash

HAVANA, Sept 10, (Reuters): A Cuban air force training plane crashed into the sea several miles (km) northwest of Havana and seven of the eight-man crew are believed dead, the Juventud Rebelde youth newspaper reported today.

The only survivor of the Friday night crash, a flight engineer, was under observation at a military hospital in Havana, the paper said.

It said a search was under way for the rest of the plane's crew, and a Cuban air force commission had been appointed to investigate the cause of the accident.

Last Sunday, a Cuban airliner crashed while taking off from the international airport in Havana, killing all but one of the 126 persons on board.

## Gas blast kills 19 in Ukraine

MOSCOW, Sept 10, (Reuters): A gas explosion, apparently caused by two workmen lighting cigarettes in a basement, killed 19 people in the Ukraine and wrecked an apartment block, a Soviet newspaper reported today.

The daily Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya said the basement in the west Ukrainian town of Vinitsa was being used to store calcium carbide, which released highly inflammable gas on contact with the atmosphere.

"Nineteen people were killed and two more injured, 20 flats were completely wrecked and 10 others partially destroyed — that was the sad outcome," the newspaper said.

It did not say when the accident happened.

## Desio, 93, visits base camp Studying Everest

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Sept 10, (AP): A 93-year-old Italian scientist, whose measurements reconfirmed Mount Everest as the world's tallest mountain, now is investigating how Everest's development has changed the Earth's crust in the area.

Professor Ardito Desio of the University of Milan launched the project today by paying a visit by helicopter to the team's base camp, at 5,000 metres (16,400 feet) on the 8,848-metre (29,028-foot) mountain. He spent some time in climbing activities in the region.

"The climb was fine... the altitude had no effect on my physique," Desio said.

In reply to a question, he said: "I have forgotten (the age), age is not a problem on the mountain."

Desio is leading a team of 38 scientists in research sponsored by the National Research Council of Italy.

"This time, we want to measure the deformation of Earth's surface of the Himalayan ranges both from Tibet and Nepal," Desio told the Associated Press today.

The \$1.3-million project will concentrate this fall along the southern slope of Everest, on the Nepalese side, Desio said. Next year, the scientists will go to Tibet, on the Chinese side.

In geological terms, the Himalayas are considered young mountains, whose height is still growing.

"We have to determine the present situation and possibly to detect the present movements," said Giorgio Poretti, 49, of Trieste, a member of Desio's team.

"We will study the thickness of Earth crust under the Himalayas with measurements of the gravity field along some profiles from the Terai plains (south of the Himalayan ranges) to the Tibetan Plateau (in the north)," he added. "The determination of the actual movements of the crust is done with measurements of the elevation of the main peaks of the mountain range."

Desio led a 1954 Italian expedition that put two climbers on top of the 8,611-metre (28,244-foot) K-2, the world's second tallest mountain.

## 94 states approve summit on children

RIYADH, Sept 10, (AP): The United Nations Children's Fund, Unicef, has secured the approval of 94 states for a summit conference on child welfare, to be convened mid-1990, a Unicef office announced today.

According to the Unicef Gulf office in Riyadh, the summit would be convened at UN headquarters with the participation of heads of state, governments and foreign ministers.

The conference will mobilise practical efforts in child welfare, protection and development of chil-

dren's nascent abilities, with a stress on health and reduction of infant mortality, the announcement said.

It said that success of the summit would lead to "increased political and popular awareness of the vital needs of the child, and exploitation of the national and international resources to meet those needs."

With the help of the political leadership at the summit, "thousands of lives of children will be saved daily," it said.



An East German seeking to cross to the West laughs as he burns a leaflet distributed by East German officials in Budapest Sept 5. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Exodus within hours Hungary may lift border

BUDAPEST, Sept 10, (Reuters): A long-awaited exodus of thousands of East Germans from Hungary to the West appeared imminent today and official sources in Bonn said the refugees would be on their way within hours.

The sources said the first of some 6,500 refugees packed into three camps in Budapest and lake Balaton would start their exodus tonight.

Sources in Hungarian state television said Foreign Minister Gyula Horn would make a statement about the issue on television around 1700 GMT.

Speculation grew that the refugees, more of whom keep arriving in the makeshift camps all the time, would be allowed to travel to Austria and thence to the West.

It appeared increasingly likely that Budapest would simply lift the border for East Germans rather than call in the International Committee of the Red Cross to issue special passports, a process which could take days.

In Bonn, official sources told Reuters that Austria, which has already lifted visa requirements for the East Germans, would lift its borders from midnight.

Hungarian border officials said they expected the refugees to travel by all available means, including train, bus and private car, and would use several border crossings to Austria.

In the refugee camps the mood was optimistic as word spread of an imminent solution.

In the Zanka camp on the shores of lake Balaton, Hungary's main holiday resort, Red Cross officials reported that a huge celebration party had taken place among the 3,000 inmates on Saturday night.

In the Czillbere camp in Budapest, the 2,500 inmates were organising a collection of the last of their East bloc currency, which is not convertible in the West, to give to camp staff.

The exodus of East Germans had been expected to start last week, but ran into last-minute problems as Budapest struggled to find a solution acceptable to their hard-line allies in East Berlin, who have demanded the refugees return home.

Relations between the two Warsaw Pact members have already come under severe strain as Budapest continues to set the pace on political and economic reforms in the East bloc while East Germany rejects any need for change.

## Dilemma for East Germans

BONN, Sept 10, (Reuters): The thousands of East German refugees due to stream into West Germany this week will find their new home comfortably familiar and strangely — sometimes disturbingly — foreign.

Forty years of cold war division have not changed Germany's common language or traditions much and refugees — mostly young and ambitious skilled workers — should settle in quickly.

But, according to East Germans already living here, refugees often find the thrill of escaping their communist homeland gives way to frustration at the little things that have changed on this side of the "iron curtain" border.

Money is more important, friendships are different and women are less liberated in the West, the East Germans complain in interviews appearing in West German newspapers and magazines.

A record 100,000 East German refugees are expected this year, more than any time since a massive exodus prompted East Germany to build the Berlin Wall in 1961.

Many of those already here say their first shock was simply trying to operate in an open and competitive society.

"You have no money, no relatives, no work. You don't even have an idea what money is worth," Hilde, a 45-year-old psychologist with two children, said in Der Spiegel.

"You panic. It takes a while before you can even throw away half the junk mail you get without looking at it."

"I have a hard time standing up for myself," said Josefine, a book store saleswoman.

An electrician echoed a frequent complaint that life is more superficial than in East Germany, where friendships help compensate for the frustrations of a regimented public life.

"We wanted to get out of this closed society and now we suddenly notice that it had a cohesiveness that was much more important to us than Western freedom is," said Guenter, who like most did not give his family name to save his relatives trouble.



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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** The woman who masterminded the 1986 kidnapping of an infant who was found two years living as the adopted child of an Israeli couple has been sentenced to three years in jail, O Estado news agency reported today.

Arlene Hill, who is already serving a three-year jail term for baby smuggling, was sentenced to another three years behind bars in the city of Curitiba for planning the 1986 kidnapping of Bruna Vasconcelos, a four-month-old infant at the time. Vasconcelos was abducted by a member of Hill's ring, who posed as a baby sister. Bruna lived for 20 months as Carolyn Turgeon with adoptive parents in Lod, Israel, who said they had no idea she had been abducted. (Reuters).

**NEW YORK:** Donald Trump, whose name already adorns two casinos, a Manhattan skyscraper, an air shuttle, a bicycle race and a board game, scrapped plans to go video Wednesday due to a contractual snag, a publicist said. The billionaire developer was to join Thursday with executives from Lorimar Television and Warner Brothers to announce plans for Trump Card, a new television series, but the deal fell through, said Barry Stagg, spokesman for Warner Brothers television. (AP).

**CLEVELAND:** A woman who had been taking fertility drugs delivered quintuplets last evening, but one of the infants was stillborn, a hospital spokesman said. Ekema McKibben delivered three girls and a boy, said university hospitals spokeswoman Fran Armas.

The fifth baby, a girl, was born dead, the spokeswoman said. (AP).

**ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey:** The king of body-building will not be on hand to help crown the new Miss America.

Actor and musclemen Arnold Schwarzenegger, an Austria native, declined to be one of the contest judges because his wife, television reporter Maria Shriver, plans to report on the contest for the NBC network, pageant director Leonard Horn said on Thursday.

"She assured me that her post was unbiased and she felt there was a conflict of interest," Horn said. (AP).

**RENO, Nevada:** Singer La Toya Jackson has denied she married her manager and said someone else must have signed her name to wedding documents.

"It could have been an imposter," Ms Jackson said on Thursday by telephone. "It's totally untrue that I got married. I'm not ready for marriage yet. I'm too involved in my career right now." (AP)



## Not amused

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has intervened to veto plans for Britain's biggest official sex survey, aimed to help in the fight against AIDS.

"The prime minister was concerned about the intrusion into people's private lives," a Downing Street spokesman said. The £750,000 (\$1.15 million) survey would have asked 20,000 adults explicit and detailed questions about their sex lives.

Thatcher's decision has angered medical researchers, who expected the inquiry to provide a comprehensive dossier of crucial data to fight AIDS.

**WEST PALM BEACH, Florida:** Police have begun suspending the drivers' licenses of people caught soliciting prostitutes.

Police say the license suspension is worse than the standard \$500, fine for the crime, which most offenders pay after pleading guilty rather than risk the public embarrassment of a trial.

"The fine isn't bad, but when they risk losing their driver license, it takes on a whole new light," said police Sgt. Robb Robertson. (AP).

**BILLINGS, Montana:** The recreated cattle drive that gave thousands a taste of the old west has reached its destination, ending an event that one participant said was better than any Western movie.

The drive was in celebration of Montana's 100th anniversary of statehood. It recreated the days when cowboys drove thousands of animals to market across vast plains unbroken by fences.

The six-day, 60-mile (100 km) venture included about 2,700 cattle, 105 drivers and 2,400 "social riders" who paid to go along. (AP)

UK worried  
Sex in space

LONDON, Sept 10. (Reuters): A British scientist is worried about lack of research on sex in space and wants more experiment there.

Roy Levin, a consultant at Sheffield University's Institute of Space Biomedicine, has written a discussion paper on the subject for the British Interplanetary Society Journal.

"We must now plan for the long-term occupancy of space and, to do so, we must grasp the nature of human sexuality in space," he told the Sunday Express newspaper.

He wants the 1991 Anglo-Soviet Juno Mission to carry out sperm count tests. He also wants to look into the toll space travel takes on sexual performance.

Levin says in his paper that since Soviet spaceman Yuri Gagarin's single Earth orbit in 1961 200 US and Soviet crew, including women, have clocked up about 2,400 days in space.

"Despite that our knowledge about the effects of space travel on the human reproductive system and human sexuality is sparse, bordering on the non-existent."

**SOUTH KINGSTOWN, Rhode Island:** The secret to long life is to be "born with a lot of vitality," says a woman who celebrated her 105th birthday with congratulations from more than 30 friends and relatives.

Sadie Parnell received a letter of congratulations from US President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, and a citation from Rhode Island Gov. Edward D. DiPrete at her party Tuesday, one day after her birthday. (AP)

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Even Jesus Christ, who looks over this beautiful yet beaten city, is showing signs of fatigue.

The 38-metre (125-foot) statue whose open arms bless Rio de Janeiro below has 26 cracks running down its huge body, technicians from the institute of military engineering reported.

They said time, wind, rain and sea air had taken their toll on the 58-year-old Christ who has witnessed Rio's evolution from a peaceful city huddled between sea and mountains to one troubled by urban violence and dilapidation. (Reuters).

**WILKES-BARRE, Pennsylvania:** Attorneys for a seventh-day adventist couple convicted of starving their teen-age son to death say they will appeal the verdict on grounds the boy was expressing his freedom of religion.

Fourteen-year-old Eric Cottam died on Jan. 3 after the family went six weeks without food despite \$3,775 set aside by Eric's father, a former seventh-day adventist church pastor, as a tithe for God.

A jury on Friday found Larry Cottam and his wife Leona guilty of third-degree murder and other charges in the cases of Eric and their 12-year-old daughter, Laura, who since has been placed in a foster home. (AP).

**NORTHAMPTON, Massachusetts:** First Lady Barbara Bush got an honorary degree and some good-natured ribbing at Smith College, which she left in her sophomore year "due to a previous engagement."

"I don't deserve this honour. I'm going to accept it," Mrs Bush said to the raucous approval of more than 4,000 people.

Mrs Bush was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from her work for the homeless, handicapped and illiterate. (AP).

**NEVADA:** Did Latoya Jackson get married or not? As of Thursday night, the singer was maintaining that she and her manager, Jack Gordon, 50, did not get married in Reno, Nev. But there were people who claim otherwise, such as Washoe County marriage clerk Cheryl Play who says she issued the wedding licence Tuesday night, and commissioner of civil marriages Cecilia Koumra, who says she then performed the ceremony. Still another county official says she saw a driver's licence with Jackson's name and picture on it. Jackson's spokesman in New York said she and Gordon were due to return to New York during the weekend and may help clear up the matter. (UPI)

**NEWARK, New Jersey:** Anthony "Fat Tony" Salerno, the 78-year-old boss of the Genovese crime family, was sentenced Thursday to five years in prison, to run consecutively with the 170 years he is already serving.

Salerno's lawyer, John Jacobs, asked US District Judge John Biesel for a concurrent term, noting that Salerno's earliest possible parole date was already 2016, when he would be 104, while 2086 is a more likely date.

"I don't want to make light of it, but the five-year sentence the court could impose here this defendant would never serve, so the terms concurrent and consecutive are meaningless," Jacobs said. (UPI)



## Miss Moscow 1989

Miss Moscow '89 poses for a photograph today after winning the annual "Moscow Beauty '89" contest held in the "Rossia" State Concert Hall yesterday. In the background are typical Stalin-era apartment blocks. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Batman is not violent or sadistic': director

DEAUVILLE, France, Sept 10. (Reuters): The director of the smash-hit film Batman today criticised censors who have stopped children from seeing their hero.

Tim Burton, speaking to reporters at the Deauville Festival of American Films rejected criticism that violent and sadistic scenes made his film unfit for children.

"I think it is for everyone," said Burton. "I think it's much more subversive to tell (children) that something is bad... they're going to want to see it anyway."

seeing the film of Batman, a cartoon figure who has entertained children for decades. French censors will rule tomorrow whether to impose an age restriction.

Critics say the modern Batman, played by Michael Keaton, bears little resemblance to the harmless hero portrayed by Adam West in the 1960s television series.

British film censor James Ferman said in July after seeing the film: "Some of it was very dark, unlike the television series or the comics I read as a boy."

## Thyroid disorder harms the heart

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept 10. (UPI): Studies show thyroid disorders suffered by an estimated eight million Americans and uncounted millions around the world can lead to heart disease or worsen already present cardiac problems, a researcher has reported.

"For every case in which thyroid dysfunction is the sole cause of heart disease, there are at least nine cases in which it exacerbates heart disease caused by other factors," says Dr Paul Ladenson. He is director of clinical endocrinology and metabolism at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Hypothyroidism, marked by a deficiency of the thyroid hormone that is critical to the proper function of virtually every cell in the body, can cause several complications, the most common being pericardial effusion, a collection of fluid in the sac surrounding the heart, he said.

The deficiency also can lead to heart failure by decreasing the rate and strength of cardiac contraction, Ladenson said at the annual meetings of the American Thyroid Association.

"The third and most difficult problem is when hypothyroidism and coronary artery disease occur together," Ladenson said in an interview.

"Hypothyroidism causes an increase in the circulating concentrations of low-density lipoprotein — bad cholesterol — and can cause high blood pressure, the second most common predisposing factor for coronary artery disease."

In hypothyroid patients who also suffer from coronary artery narrowings, the medication to correct the thyroid deficiency can worsen the heart disease.

"By increasing the heart rate and strength of heart contraction, the drug can increase the amount of oxygen the heart muscle needs to function," Ladenson said.

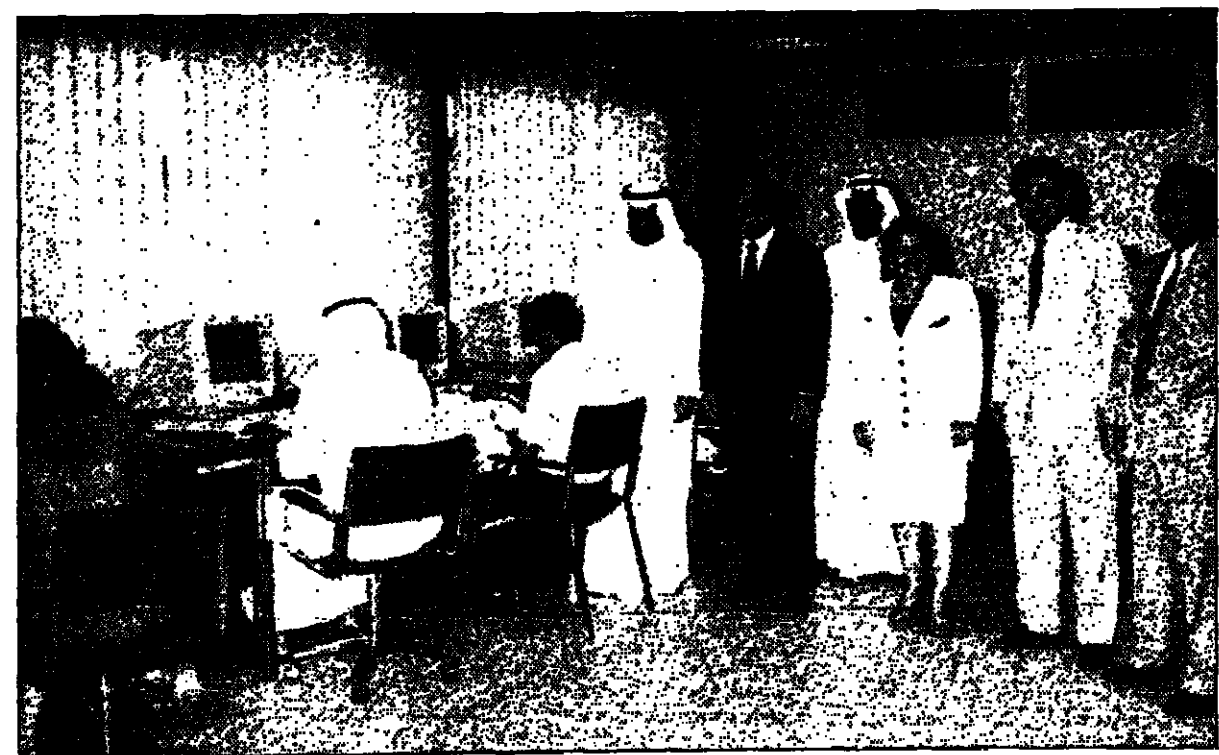
He recommended hypothyroid patients with known or suspected heart disease initially be given low thyroid drug doses, which should be increased by small amounts each month.

"Normally, if you exercise, the cardiac output goes from normal to high. In hypothyroid patients, the output may be up during rest but may actually go down during exercise," Ladenson said.

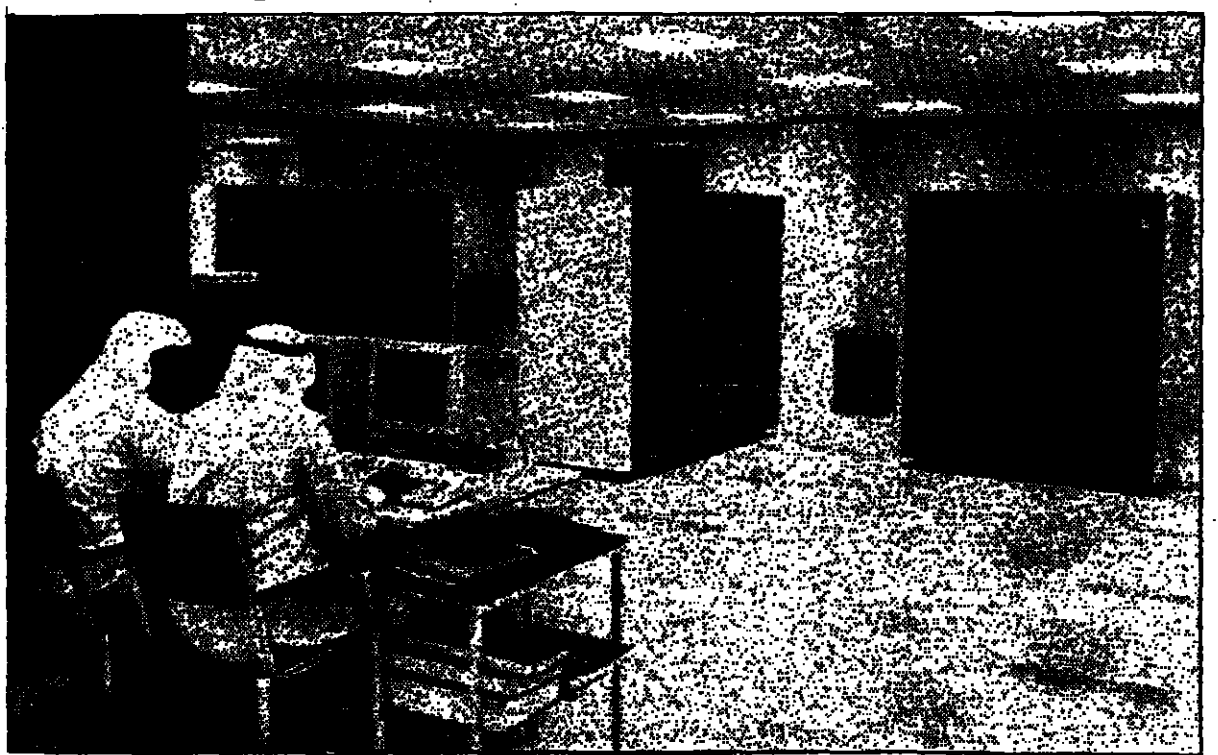
## Installation of an IBM Computer at the Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Justice together with Khorafi Business Machines have completed the installation of an IBM 4381-R91E Computer System at the end of June 1989. The system is running IBM most advanced mainframe's operating system MVS/ESA. This installation was completed one month after contract signature.

This installation represents one of the most advanced application development platform. The operating system MVS/ESA, IBM relational database DB2, together with IBM fourth generation language CSP are the basis of this platform. This is contributing effectively to the productivity of the application development and the modernization of the technical and administrative system at the Ministry of Justice.



From left to right: Mr. Mohamed Hamed Al-Roomi - DP Manager at Ministry of Justice, Mr. Josef De Georgi - General Manager of Khorafi Business Machines, Mr. Adel-Karim Yassin - Operation Supervisor, Mrs. Faten Al-Feel - System Development Controller, Mr. Soubhi Chebib - Marketing Manager, Mr. Botrous Thalouth - System Engineer in Khorafi Business Machines and some application development staff at the Ministry.



Operators in the Computer room.



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## Koch's political survival at stake

NEW YORK, Sept 10, (Reuters): America's best-known and most controversial Mayor, Edward Koch, is fighting for his political life in a mayoral primary contest that could be decided along racial lines.

Koch, a Jew dismissed by many blacks as a racist, is seeking the backing of New York Democrats for a shot at an unprecedented fourth term as mayor of the city which many say has become ungovernable.

Manhattan borough president David Dinkins, a quiet, dignified man bidding to become the city's first black mayor, stands in his way.

With opinion polls putting the two neck and neck, New York Democrats vote on Tuesday to decide whether to nominate Koch, Dinkins or one of two other candidates as the party candidate in the November mayoral election.

On the Republican side former federal prosecutor Rudolph Giuliani is expected to beat billionaire Ronald Lauder easily in his party's primary.

But Giuliani, once considered a real threat to Koch, has run a flailing campaign that some experts say has ruined his chances. "He is a balloon that is constantly deflating," said one Democratic worker.

Koch has made a remarkable comeback for a man written off as late as two months ago as politically dead.

In early July, he was barely attracting 30 per cent of voters and enduring traumas of being washed up after 12 turbulent years in office, presiding over a city that seems to lurch from crisis to crisis, growing richer and poorer at the same time.

A New York daily News-ABC poll published on Friday pointed to a cliffhanger, giving Koch 43 per cent support and Dinkins 47 per cent in a survey with a six per cent margin of error.

But the poll also showed increasing polarisation between black and Jewish voters, the city's two biggest voting blocs.

"Dinkins has been able to consolidate his black support whereas the Jewish vote has clearly come home to Koch," says ABC pollster John Brennan.

Behind this lies the ugly aftermath of a racial killing of a black youth who wandered into a white neighbourhood.

Three weeks ago, Yusuf Hawkins was shot dead by a gang of white youths in the Brooklyn section of Bensonhurst. He had gone to buy a used car with friends and was killed by a gang looking for a black man dating a white woman.

**Problem** Political experts say that until the killing, race was a subliminal campaign issue. The murder drove away other issues.

Name the urban problem and New York has it — an estimated 800,000 drug addicts out of a population of over seven million, hospitals so jammed with AIDS victims that they cannot tend to ordinary emergencies and schools where almost half the students leave early.

Armies of homeless people camp out in front of luxury apartment buildings and the majestic Grand Central Station. Water pipes burst spraying streets with deadly asbestos. Blacks and whites seem to deal with each other with increasing fear spurred on by ugly racial incidents.

Koch has appointed more blacks to city posts than any other mayor in New York history but he has been plagued by poor relations with the community which formed 32 per cent of Democratic voters in the 1988 presidential primary.

## Suicide mystery

TURIN, Sept 10, (AP): Italian newspapers said yesterday there was no evidence to link the suicide of the former Italian military attaché in Baghdad to a growing bank scandal.

The scandal at Italy's largest bank swirled around unauthorised export credits to Iraq granted by the bank's Atlanta, Georgia branch.

Bank officials have said the credit concerned grain, agricultural and industrial machinery and plants. They denied allegations in the press that the credits were used for the illegal sale of weapons to Iraq.

Air force Col. Giuseppe Schiavo shot himself to death on Thursday at his home in Turin. Authorities said he did not leave a note. Until a year ago, the colonel was the Italian military attaché in Baghdad.

With his death coming at the time that the scandal broke, Italian newspapers speculated that the suicide could be tied to the scandal.

However, the newspapers said there was no evidence to tie Schiavo to the bank.

## Doin' fine doin' time

Mother knows best

WASHINGTON, Sept 10, (UPI): Elizabeth Morgan's landmark stay in the DC jail for refusing to let her ex-husband see their daughter is, by all indications, nearing an end.

Both houses of Congress have approved bills specifically written to end her more than two-year incarceration, and the full District of Columbia court of appeals is set to hear her case for freedom Sept 20.

Her attorneys say Morgan, who has never been convicted of a crime, has spent more time behind bars for civil contempt-of-court than anyone in US history.

But Morgan, a plastic surgeon by trade, says she expected nothing less on Aug 28, 1987, when she defied DC superior court Judge Herbert Dixon and entered the city jail rather than disclose the whereabouts of her young daughter.

"I knew what I was getting into when I came here," Morgan said in a telephone interview from the jail. "I'd been in the court system for so long, and I know how they simply could not deal with the problem."

Morgan maintains her daughter Hilary, who celebrated her 6th and 7th birthdays in hiding, is now healthy and safe. She claims the child was sexually abused by Morgan's former husband, Dr Eric Foretich, and would have been subjected to continued abuse had court orders been followed.

Dixon, citing years of court jostling in the case, has said there is no credible evidence that Foretich, an oral surgeon from the Washington suburb of McLean, Virginia, ever harmed the girl. Foretich steadfastly denies the sexual abuse charges. He thinks Morgan is mentally unstable.

An upbeat Morgan, unruffled by constant background noise of the DC jail, said during the interview that she felt little remorse as her second anniversary behind bars came and went Aug 28.

### **Achievement**

"I feel sort of a personal accomplishment at having finished my second year. I feel kind of triumphant," Morgan said. "My mindset makes it possible for me to do that. My daughter is safe, and it makes jail really not a big problem for me."

"I'm not telling you I want to be here," she added, quickly. "It's frankly a pretty miserable place."

Morgan, 42, has lost her business and, she says, her credibility with many former co-workers. But she claims the two years have been — in many ways — a blessing.

"I've read (Alexander) Solzhenitsyn's 'The Gulag Archipelago.' I've read reports from South African jails, Argentina, 'The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich.' I'm a very lucky person to have this happen in America. I'm going to be a victim of injustice, let me be a victim of injustice in America," she said.

Morgan has become a national symbol for some women's rights groups and advocates against child abuse, which she says "astounds me."

"For so long, people just wrote me off as totally insane," she said. "They wouldn't even give me the time of day."

She has also become a self-proclaimed expert on the US penal system. "I'm a highly trained physician who has been sent into the DC jail to do a long-range study, that's the way I see it," she said, laughing.

Since entering jail, Morgan has also become engaged to be married — to a federal judge, no less.

"It's interesting. I would never ask to come here, but I think that I know more about the problems of crime and drugs than any other non-criminal in the United States," she said. "I am the only person who has lived day and night, side-by-side for two years with killers, drug dealers. They are presently my friends."

Even in the face of mounting evidence that her release is imminent — bolstered by Senate approval Thursday of a bill to place a retroactive one-year limit on the time a person can be jailed for contempt in a child custody case in the nation's capital — Morgan maintains she is prepared to stay in jail until Hilary is 18.

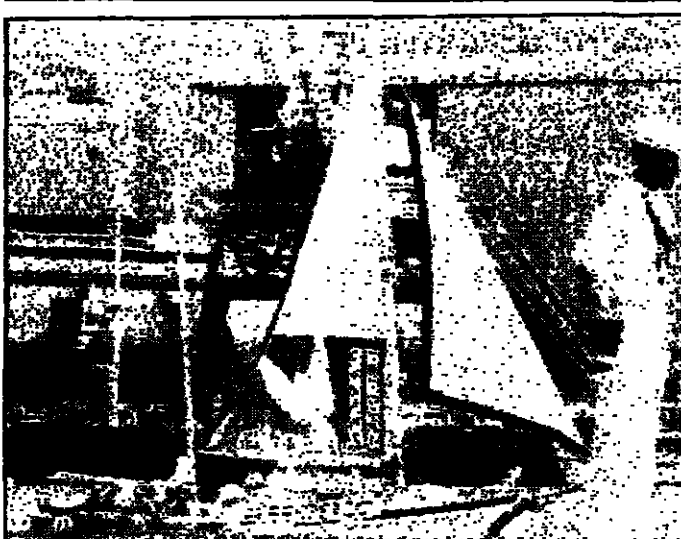
"I don't have a future and I haven't had a future for two years," she said.

"From a professional point of view, I don't know," she said, when pressed about what she will do when release does come. "I'd like to think I would write a book about my experience in jail. People would be surprised about what living in jail really is."

Prior to her jailing, Morgan authored three books, including "Custody," which details her divorce from Foretich and battle to retain custody of their only child. Morgan left Foretich in August 1982, one week before Hilary is born.

Morgan said regardless of other activities, speaking out against child sexual abuse will become a life-long calling. "I have a moral commitment to try to get our country to protect other children, as well as my own."

Morgan has consistently refused to discuss Hilary's whereabouts, but said the child celebrated her 7th birthday Aug 21 in safety.



### **Trident protest**

A sailor stands on the stern of the USS Pennsylvania which was commissioned at the Naval Underwater Systems Centre Sept 9 as a Greenpeace protest boat sailed by. The Pennsylvania is the 10th US Trident missile submarine to be commissioned and six people were arrested following the protest. (Reuters wirephoto)

**Pinochet resigned:** General Augusto Pinochet marks the 16th anniversary of his military government in Chile on Monday, apparently resigned to surrendering the presidency but determined not to lose all his power. Pinochet, who must make way for a civilian successor following December's elections, has vowed to stay on as commander of the powerful Chilean army following the handover.

The fiercely anti-communist general, who led a bloody military coup on September 11, 1973, appears determined to protect the military's future political influence enshrined in the country's constitution. (Reuters)

**France considering:** While the US is preparing for a military crusade against drug traffickers in South America, the debate on this controversial issue in France is favouring the legalisation of narcotics as a way to crash the market.

Supporters of the legalisation of drugs argue that by putting the drugs on the market these products would lose value, thus a crash in such a market would contribute

eventually to a reduction in the rate of organised crime. Liberal writer, Guy Sorman, said in this week's edition of the "Le Point" magazine that the legalisation of drugs would deprive gangs, like the Mafia, from the enormous profits that finance their organised crime.

At the same time, he maintained that the legalisation of drugs must be accompanied by an educational campaign on the dangers of drug usage. (Kuna)

**Crack houses destruction:** Some 35 Dade county crack houses are scheduled to be destroyed within the next month in what officials say is a joint effort of police and county zoning officials to speed up the demolition process.

At the urging of Miami Coalition, an anti-drug group, the county has adopted new procedures that simplify the process of identifying drug houses for demolition, county manager Joaquin G. Avino said Friday.

Crack houses are often vacant buildings where crack cocaine, a crystallised form of the drug, is bought and smoked by addicts. (UPI)



### **Drug bomb blast**

A Colombian soldier watches as a fireman tries to extinguish flames from a car bomb late Friday. Five people were injured in the blast and many nearby buildings damaged. Drug traffickers are believed responsible for the bomb. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Clamour to sack minister

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 10, (Reuters): South African police violence against anti-apartheid protesters appears to be sowing new leader F.W. de Klerk's honeymoon with foreign opinion and threatening his hopes of averting harsher economic sanctions.

As anti-apartheid leaders vowed today to pursue their protests, while opposition politicians urged De Klerk to sack his Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, who is in charge of the police.

Protesters plan an illegal march on Parliament where the black majority has no representation — when it convenes in Cape Town on Wednesday.

"Every time our people get killed, shot or injured we will march on the streets," reformer churches leader Allan Boesak said.

Urging Vlok's sacking, white opposition chief Zach de Beer said, "It is hard to avoid the conclusion that the dismissal of Mr Vlok would be a gesture of value at a time like this."

De Beer, co-leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, added: "At least it might buy a little time during which the task of constitutional reform can be tackled."

De Klerk's National Party returned to power in last Wednesday's parliamentary elections, pledging reform and hoping black leaders would accept a limited say in central government.

Anti-apartheid groups and trade unions rejected the police because the country's 25 million blacks had no vote. Millions stayed away from work in protest and many staged demonstrations.

Church leaders say riot police reacted by shooting indiscriminately in black and coloured (mixed-race) townships around Cape Town on Wednesday night, killing more than 20 people and injuring many others, including young children.

Allegations of brutal behaviour were supported by doctors. One police officer compared the riot squad to "wild dogs."

Vlok is fighting back. He has said only 15 people died on Wednesday and 10 of these were killed in a gang fight. He argues that the protests were violent and police had to act.

De Klerk, who must announce his cabinet soon, has yet to comment on the police actions.

Adverse publicity is dangerous for South Africa because sanctions pressures are mounting abroad.

In mid-October British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will arrive in South Africa for a conference in Kuluva. She is expected to demand for tough new financial measures against South Africa.

The US Congress faces mid-term elections soon and opponents of sanctions there will need evidence of progress in South Africa if they are to block new anti-apartheid moves.

Most crucially, in mid-1990 Pretoria begins to renegotiate \$8 billion of short-term foreign debt which it cannot repay because foreign banks have cut credit lines.

## Colombia seizes 21 farms of drug barons

US military to have expanded role

BOGOTA, Sept 10, (Agencies): Colombia's powerful and wealthy drug barons have suffered a new setback in their war against the government with the seizure of 21 luxurious farms and ranches said to belong to them.

The military said it had raided 42 residences during the past week in the Magdalena Medio region of central Colombia and seized 21 farms and ranches, some sumptuously decorated.

Yesterday brigadier General Carlos Julio Gil told reporters in the town of Puerto Boyaca, a centre of cartel-backed paramilitary hit squad activity, that 7,000 hectares of land had also been confiscated.

The military said 13 of the residences seized were owned by front-men but in fact belonged to reputed Medellin drug cartel chieftain Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha. Three others were said to be owned by the alleged leader of the cartel, Pablo Escobar.

The government of President Virgilio Barco, which announced an unprecedented anti-narcotics crackdown on August 18, has advertised rewards of 100 million pesos (\$250,000) for the capture of Escobar and Rodriguez Gacha.

The men are also on a list of 12 reputed drug barons the United States has asked Colombian authorities to arrest and extradite to the US to stand trial.

More than 200 residences said to belong to drug traffickers have been seized in the three-week long operation in response to the assassination of a judge, a police chief and the ruling party's leading presidential candidate, apparently on orders of drug barons.

On the Magdalena Medio estates, which had names such as Isla de la Fantasia (Fantasy island), El Eden (the Eden) and El Paraíso (the Paradise), authorities also found 600 head of cattle, 200 exotic birds and 80 fighting cocks.

Some of the animals were kept in small private zoos, a traditional passion of drug traffickers.

There was more violence last night in Medellin, hub of the world's cocaine trade.

A dynamite bomb believed set by traffickers badly damaged a state-owned liquor store, but there were no injuries. Police said a government vehicle was torched by hooded men bringing to 18 the number of vehicles gutted by firebombs over the past 48 hours.

About 40 bombs have rocked Medellin since "The Extraditables", a group linked to the cocaine cartel, declared war on the government on August 24.

The group also threatened to kill 10 Colombian judges for every suspected drug trafficker extradited to the United States under an extradition agreement reinstated by Barco to bring dealers to trial.

Last Wednesday reputed Medellin cartel financier

Eduardo Martinez Romero was extradited from Colombia to the southern US city of Atlanta where he was named in an indictment last March for money laundering.

A secret part of President Bush's anti-drug offensive includes an expanded role for the US military in Latin America, including authorising US special forces to accompany local forces, on some narcotics patrols, the Washington Post reported.

The Post said the secret directive does not call for an combat role for US troops or covert operations. But up to "several hundred" US military trainers, advisers and other support personnel may be deployed in Colombia, Peru and Bolivia.

Such a deployment would be part of the president's "Andean initiative" that he announced in his nation-wide anti-drug television speech last week.

The Post, citing unnamed administration and congressional sources, said the President signed a classified national security decision directive during his recent vacation in Kennebunkport, Maine to allow the new "rules of engagement" for the US military.

Military personnel could be deployed in "secure" areas of Peru's upper Huallaga valley, a coca-growing jungle that US officials acknowledge is effectively controlled by Peru's Shining Path guerrillas.

In recent weeks, Bush administration officials repeatedly have said they do not foresee the use of US combat troops in Colombia.

**Witness shot:** A 22-year-old nurse who testified as a witness to a 1988 massacre of 29 peasants allegedly conducted by army troops was shot to death in her home in Ayacucho, police said yesterday.

Five people were killed in various incidents involving rebels and police in Huancayo, according to police. Martha Cristosomo was the last living witness who told investigators about the May 15, 1988, massacre of 29 civilians in the village of Cayara, in the mountainous region around Ayacucho, 235 miles (375 kilometres) southeast of Lima.

Three other people who testified against the army, including Cayara's mayor, were murdered earlier this year. (AP)

**Menem defends pardons:** Argentine President Carlos Menem has defended his right to pardon military men accused of human rights violations or involved in recent coup attempts, a decision that has prompted massive protest marches.

The constitution allows the president to grant pardons. The pardons are not against the law, quite the contrary,

## Peru joins drug war

TINGO MARIA, Sept 10, (AP): Peruvian government forces have opened a major offensive against drug gangs and their allies — Maoist guerrillas who control much of the lush upper Huallaga river valley on the eastern slopes of the Andes.

Armed US narcotics agents trained in tropical combat are preparing to move into a heavily fortified police garrison built with funds from the United States, in the heart of Peru's coca-rich jungle.

The United States is making the campaign in Peru the centrepiece of its drive against cocaine trafficking in the Andean nations, which supply the coca leaf from which the drug is refined.

US officials say the American drug agents aren't concerned with the guerrillas' politics, only with their drug activity. But the US "drug-fighting team's" presence in the valley has led to speculation that the United States could be drawn into the overall war against the Shining Path guerrilla group.

"Sixty to 70 per cent of the world's coca production comes out of here. Peru, of all the countries, offers the best opportunity to do significant damage to the coca trade," says Craig Chretien, chief of the US Drug Enforcement administration's operations in Peru.

### **Base**

The anti-drug base is at Santa Lucia, 65 miles (100 kms) northwest of Tingo Maria. After it is completed in October, as many as 30 Americans will operate directly from the upper Huallaga region, providing training and air support to some 300 police rangers assigned to the garrison.

The Americans include DEA agents and contracted Vietnam war veterans who fly and maintain the nine US Bell helicopters and two C-123 cargo planes on loan to Peru.

"The base is strategically located near all of the most important trafficking routes," said Gen. Juan Zarate, chief of the drug police.

The Peruvian army, armed with newly acquired Soviet armoured helicopters, recently launched its heaviest campaign so far against the Shining Path in the valley.

The Andean commission of jurists, a human-rights organisation, noted recently that while the base is intended for the drug fight, "observers are concerned that in the medium term it can be converted into a springboard for the internationalisation of the counter-insurgency fight in Peru."

"It's probably the most hostile situation the DEA works in anywhere," Chretien said in an interview in Lima.

Earlier this year, the Shining Path, known in Spanish as Sendero Luminoso, offered a \$50,000 reward for any DEA agent caught in the valley and killed, said the Rev. Paul Feeley, a Canadian priest working in Ayacucho, a town 35 miles (56 kms) north of Tingo Maria.

"The DEA has become a dirty word in the Huallaga valley. Sendero, and most other people around here, too, see the DEA as being anti-subversive, not just anti-drug," Feeley said.

In return for providing protection from police raids, the Shining Path, with about 2,500 fighters, enjoys the support of tens of thousands of peasants who grow coca in the valley, earning 10 times what they could from other crops.

The guerrillas collect a 10 to 15 per cent "tax" from the growers, as well as charging Colombian traffickers \$10,000 to 15,000 for each small plane that picks up cocaine paste for refining in Colombia, according to the peasants and police.

Houses along the jungle highway leading out of Tingo Maria, the largest town in the valley, are scrawled in blood-red paint with deadly messages for the DEA.

### **Warning**

"Get out, Yankees, while you can — you will find your tombs here," said one warning on a rural school building.

The DEA is not permitted to take part in counter-insurgency wars. But in practice, that changed in Peru when it became clear two years ago that the guerrillas were actively involved in the cocaine trade.

"The rule is that Sendero is fair game if they're trafficking in drugs. What counts is if they're traffickers, not their politics," Chretien said. "That doesn't mean we go looking for guerrilla camps or columns. But if we spot them from the air, we notify the police. And if they attack us, we defend ourselves."

**Copter crashes:** A helicopter performing nighttime US-supervised military exercises crashed Friday, killing four Honduran military officials and injuring four others, an Honduran army spokesman said yesterday.

A US-made Bell 412 helicopter went down in the area of San Antonio de Majada, in the Santa Barbara province, 105 miles (170 kms) northwest of Tegucigalpa, army spokesman Manuel Suarez said. The cause of the helicopter accident was apparently an electrical storm. (UPI)



# US will give Manila hardware to fight reds

MANILA, Sept 10, (UPI): Armed forces chief Gen. Renato de Villa said this week the United States will deliver by mid-1990 \$64 million worth of helicopter gunships and navy patrol boats to help in the Philippine government's campaign against communist rebels.

The military meanwhile said soldiers killed a ranking rebel field commander operating outside the US-run Subic Bay naval complex during a raid on his hideout in Batang province, 40 miles (60 km) west of Manila.

Bataan police provincial commander Col. Ramon Ocampo identified the slain guerrilla as Cristobal Barra,

one of the most wanted rebel leaders in the country with a 150,000 peso (\$7,000) reward for his capture.

Ocampo said Barra was a field commander of the communist New People's Army (NPA) in the provinces of Bataan and Zambales, where the US naval base is located.

De Villa, who recently returned from a nine-day visit to the United States, said in a news conference US officials have agreed to deliver by June next year 24 MG 520 helicopter gunships worth \$1 million each and 35 navy patrol boats amounting to \$40 million.

He said the delivery was under Washington's foreign military sales package and would be used in the war against the 23,000-strong NPA, whose guerrillas have killed at least four US servicemen in retaliation for alleged American involvement.

De Villa said US military officials agreed to speed up delivery of more

assistance to the 160,000-strong Philippine armed forces, including engineering, communications, medical and dental equipment.

"The officials were very positive and responsive to our requests particularly in our counter-insurgency efforts," he said.

## Filipino rebels killed

MANILA, Sept 10, (AP): Army troops backed by artillery fire and air strikes killed an estimated 20 communist rebels in a clash in a southern Philippine province, the military reported today.

One soldier also was killed and another was wounded in the three-hour firefight on Friday, Philippine army headquarters in Manila reported.

The battle erupted after soldiers and civilian militiamen on patrol encountered more than 100 New People's Army rebels in Tulunan town in north Cotabato, 600 miles (960 kms) southeast of Manila, it said.

Meanwhile, a rebel leader claimed today that opponents of American bases in the Philippines are the targets of an assassination plot hatched by supporters of President Corazon Aquino and the US government.

Antonio Zume, spokesman of the communist-led National Democratic Front, said the plot would be carried out before the start of official talks between the Philippine and US governments on the future of American military facilities here after their lease expires in 1991.

"The plot involves the neutralisation and even worse, the assassination, of leading personalities from the NDF, the Communist Party of the Philippines and the legal movement who are opposed to the US bases," Zume said in a statement sent to news agencies.

Zume said NDF supporters who were "close to Malacanang (the presidential palace)" advised the rebels about the plot, which allegedly was hatched by "forces identified with the Aquino and the US governments" last December.

11 dead, 3000 homeless as Sarah hits

MANILA, Sept 10, (AP): Typhoon Sarah smashed across northern Philippines today, triggering floods and landslides that left at least 11 people dead and more than 3,000 homeless, officials said.

Packing peak winds of 75 mph (120 kph), Sarah battered Cagayan province and travelled across rice and tobacco farms on the northern section of the main Luzon island.

At 5 pm, the Manila weather bureau declared Sarah 130 miles (210 km) southeast of Batanes island, between Luzon and Taiwan, travelling at 9 mph (15 kph) towards the south China sea.

Relief officials said the ninth typhoon to visit the Philippines this year triggered floods and landslides in the Ilocos provinces. The department of social welfare said at least 14 people drowned when their homes were swept away yesterday night by flashfloods spawned by the swollen river in the town of Gen Del Pilar, Ilocos Sur, 180 miles (290 km) north of Manila.

Red Cross spokeswoman Lourdes Masang said the body of another drowning victim was found in a neighbouring town. She said another person was missing.

**Gabrielle still strong:** Hurricane Gabrielle remained alive in the north Atlantic early today as deadly waves from the weakening storm capsize a houseboat carrying 11 people off New York City, killing at least one woman.

Forecasters predicted the stationary storm would eventually slide south of the Canadian province of Newfoundland.

In New York, high waves attributed to Gabrielle swamped the houseboat off the Rockaways early today, washing the 11 people on the boat overboard and killing at least one, police and the Coast Guard said.

Nine people made their way to shore safely in a raft, but one woman drowned and her body washed ashore on the rocky beach and another man was reported missing, authorities said.

**Merging strike forces:** US Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh told sceptical senators this week that merging the Justice Department's anti-mob units into US attorneys' offices will end bureaucratic turf battles hurting the fight against organised crime.

"To end the turf battles is at the very heart of what the president has directed this attorney-general to do," Thornburgh told a joint hearing of the senate judiciary and governmental affairs committees.

"You can't have turf battles when you have only one turf," Thornburgh said of his plan to merge the independently crime strike forces now working independently of local US prosecutors into the US attorney's offices.

The attorney-general said the strike forces created in the late 1960s have been slow to respond to changes in organised crime away from the traditional Mafia-style families to "newer criminal groups, such as the Colombian drug cartels, Asian organised crime groups" and street gangs. (AP)



A Vietnamese refugee carries his daughter on his back while he tries to escape by climbing over a fence at the detention centre. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Hanoi to stem flow Exodus of Vietnamese

HANOI, Sept 10, (Reuters): The Vietnamese singer and her lover steal aboard a squalid fishing boat heading for a new life abroad. Pirates ferociously attack at sea, raping and pillaging, and killing everyone except the singer.

A passing Australian cargo ship rescues her. The singer and the captain fall in love. She stays with him in Australia but never stops pining for her family back in Vietnam.

The tale, a sanitised and glamourised version of what is often grim reality, is the plot of a new film showing in the northern Vietnamese port of Haiphong, departure point for many boat people.

Entitled "On the Brink", it is the latest propaganda effort by the communist authorities to stop the flow of illegal immigration that has led desperate Vietnamese to packed camps across Southeast Asia, particularly Hong Kong.

"It is in our interest to prevent these illegal departures," Le Tho, director of the consular department of the Foreign Ministry, said in an interview.

The Hanoi government, trying to run a country almost bereft of economic resources, is committed to removing the political obstacles to Western credits.

At international meetings this year Hanoi accepted responsibility for the stream of economic refugees that has flowed eastwards with the trade winds to Hong Kong and as far away as Japan.

In recent weeks teams of officials have been sent round impoverished northern provinces, including Haiphong and Quang Ninh, publicising the dangers of a boat passage and explaining the strict barriers to eventual resettlement in a third country.

"There have been some results, but it's still too early to assess them. We know only that if we had not brought in these measures the flow would have been greater," said Le Tho.

The long-term solution is to ease the economic crisis which has driven people to leave, but in the short term the emphasis is on persuading refugees in camps abroad, including more than 40,000 in Hong Kong to volunteer to return home.

"There are some very encouraging signs," said Charles-Henry Bazoche, representative in Hanoi of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

**Plane wreckage found:** The wreckage of a military plane that disappeared more than two weeks ago was discovered yesterday in the southern California Mountains, officials said.

Two bodies found at the scene were tentatively identified as the two crew members from the reconnaissance plane, said Lt. Gene Browne, spokesman for the El Toro Base.

The plane, an OV-10A assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, left Camp Pendleton on Aug 24 for a three-hour mission and was never heard from again.

The plane was discovered in the San Geronimo wilderness.

San Bernardino county sheriff's department officials and the military both took credit for finding the aircraft.

Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Singley reported the crash site on the 5,300-foot (1,600-metre) ridge of San Geronimo Mountain, Bryant said. (AP)

**Search ends:** Rescue workers today officially ended their search for about 90 passengers still missing in the sinking of a wooden ferry off the Indonesian island of Java.

A rescue official said more bodies had been recovered from rough seas during the past two days, bringing the official death toll to 37 with 90 people still unaccounted for since the ferry overturned Sept 2 in huge waves in the Madura Straits 500 miles east of Jakarta. There were 48 survivors.

Rescuers said the bodies recovered during the weekend were found up to 130 miles from the scene of the tragedy.

The ferry was carrying about 175 passengers when it left Situbondo en route to the island of Sapudi when it capsized.

Indonesia, southeast Asia's largest nation, is comprised of 13,000 islands. Java is one of the largest. (UPI)

## Amid an outbreak of cholera 2,500 boat people evacuated

HONG KONG, Sept 10, (AP): The government evacuated 2,500 Vietnamese boat people from an outlying island today amid an outbreak of cholera there, officials reported.

Earlier, the detention centre had been the scene of a riot.

Officials said the Vietnamese were moved from Tai A Chau island aboard three landing

craft and two boats to nearby Heiling Chau island, a former leper colony.

Another 2,000 Vietnamese living in tents on Tai A Chau will be evacuated to Heiling Chau tomorrow, the officials said.

Officials said the evacuation began one day ahead of schedule because of fears of Typhoon Sarah heading for the British

colony. The storm, bearing centre winds of 120 kilometres (72 miles) an hour, killed at least three people in the Philippines, officials said today.

Late last month, a riot erupted on Tai A Chau when 1,000 Vietnamese hurled stones at police after a dispute over the distribution of rice, and police responded by firing tear gas.

## Chinese ordered to carry ID cards

BEIJING, Sept 10, (Reuters): Chinese were ordered today to carry identity cards and learn 40 slogans to mark the 40th anniversary of the communist state, further signs of hardliners tightening their grip.

Major newspapers published a list of the slogans as part of a propaganda blitz in preparation for Oct 1, the 40th anniversary of the day Mao Tse-tung announced the founding of the People's Republic in Tiananmen Square.

Slogans one and two hail the anniversary and the "great achievements" of "socialism modernisation and reform," slogan number three is "warmly hail the victory over the turmoil and counter-revolutionary rebellion."

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, died when the army moved into central Beijing on June 4 to crush large-scale student-led protests.

But there are signs that "victory" has not been achieved. Several soldiers stationed on the streets of Beijing have been murdered since June 4, student leaders on a wanted list are still at large and there is widespread disbelief in the official version of the events of that day.

"The most dangerous place for soldiers is near the history museum where there are many civilian deaths and many relatives eager for revenge," a taxi driver said.

From October 15 citizens will have to carry ID cards—the first time this has been compulsory since 1949, the Beijing daily said today.

More than 570 million cards have been issued since 1985, 74 per cent of the total to be given out, it said.

The leadership has blamed the protests in part on "bourgeois liberalism," meaning Western political ideas.

The Legal News yesterday quoted Public Security Minister Wang Fang as telling a meeting on police ideological work that bourgeois liberalism had spread widely in recent years and could not be eliminated in a short time.

"A very small number of counter-revolutionaries have been very active, with an increase in reactionary slogans, notices, threatening letters, explosions and sabotages," he added.

"Many people have discarded the Marxist analysis of class struggle ... because of the influence of Western bourgeois liberal 'democracy', 'freedom' and 'human rights'. Some people did not dare to act against the turmoil and estimate it while it was still growing," he said.

This is a reference to the split in the leadership at the start of the protests, when Zhao was advocating a conciliatory line and hardliners a crackdown.

Two of the six members of the standing committee of the party's ruling politburo went yesterday to two colleges at the forefront of the student protests.

## Chinese reds 'must change'

LONDON, Sept 10, (AP): Two Chinese dissidents who went into exile following the government crackdown said today they believe that "people power" can force the Chinese Communist Party to change.

Chen Yizi, the highest-ranking official known to have escaped China since the army on June 3-4 suppressed demonstrations in Beijing, and Wan Runnan, former owner and chairman of a computer company, arrived in London yesterday to publicise the dissident group they will help launch next week.

The Front for a Democratic China, will be launched Sept 22 in Paris as an umbrella organisation for Chinese students, intellectuals and others who want a democratic alternative to the Communist Party.

## Doi to respect treaty Japanese opposition in coalition talks

TOKYO, Sept 10, (AP): A socialist party-led coalition government would work for the withdrawal of US military bases from Japan and the suspension of joint military exercises but would respect the existing US-Japan Security Treaty, party chairwoman Takako Doi said today.

The policies of Japan's No.1 opposition party have attracted attention after July elections in which the Liberal Democratic Party lost its majority in parliament's upper house for the first time in its 34-year history.

The opposition has been discussing a coalition in case the governing conservatives also lose elections for the more powerful lower house, which must be held by next July.

Other opposition parties have called the Socialists' long-time anti-military policies unrealistic, and the socialists have softened them. The party formerly called for abolishing the security treaty with Washington.

"Our coalition government will pledge it will maintain the US Security Pact in the interest of diplomatic continuity, apply strictly the three non-nuclear



Doi policy

principles, stop US-Japan joint military exercises and work to reduce and withdraw US military bases," Doi said at the opening of a three-day party policy-makers' meeting in Kuroiso, 150 kilometres (90 miles) north of Tokyo.

The treaty calls for the United States to aid in Japan's defence, and provides for US bases in Japan.

Although Japan bars the making, storing or entry of nuclear

weapons, critics charge the United States has brought in nuclear arms. The United States refuses to comment on the locations of nuclear weapons.

In this new age of détente, we will reverse a political trend from military expansion to one favouring peace and disarmament, with the key word being 'common security,' Doi said.

In a speech intended to clarify her party's policy framework, called the "Doi Vision," she said, "we can hear voices saying that the Socialist Party must become realistic. This can also be taken as criticism of the Socialist Party's policies on the self-defence forces (Japan's military), the US-Japan Security Treaty, and nuclear power plants."

"I would like to listen frankly to such criticism," said the charismatic chairwoman who led the socialists to major gains in the July elections.

The socialists and three other opposition parties are scheduled to meet later this month to discuss coalition policies.

Doi said a socialist-led coalition would "try our best to reform Japanese policies, which has lost the people's trust."

## Defector

Chinese First Lieutenant Jiang Wenhao, 24, Sept 7 shows reporters now he piloted MIG-19 to defect to Taiwan. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Nixon will visit China

WOODCLIFF LAKE, New Jersey, Sept 10, (AP): Former US president Richard Nixon is making plans to visit China alone after earlier plans for a group trip were cancelled, his spokesman says.

Political unrest forced Nixon to put off his visit this fall with six friends, among them William Simon, former treasury secretary in Nixon's administration, spokesman John Taylor said last week.

Taylor said Nixon had been invited by China's government, and that the US State Department knew about the former president's plans. No date has been set for the trip.

Nixon has visited the People's Republic of China five times. His first visit, in 1972, also was the first by a US president.

The following year, China and the United States opened diplomatic offices on each other's soil after a break during the Vietnam war.

Nixon's representatives and Chinese officials are arranging the details of a sixth visit.

"The purpose of the solo trip would be to have extensive discussions with the top leaders of China," Taylor said, noting the former president has done the same on every trip to China.

"He's not doing it at the behest" of US officials, the spokesman said.

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# Go 'yel' it on the mountain

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (Agencies): Soviet Communist Party radical Boris Yeltsin arrived in New York yesterday and expressed a desire to meet with US President George Bush and observe American democracy in action.

"America has had more than 200 years of experience with a democratic government, although it is a bourgeois democracy," Yeltsin told reporters through an interpreter. "We are just getting out of the egg in that respect."

In his first trip to the United States at the invitation of Eastern Institute's Soviet-American exchange programme, Yeltsin said he planned to meet with businessmen, politicians and university economists.

"We have got to learn from the United States

how to work and how to live," he said.

Yeltsin, who won more votes than any other delegate to the Congress of People's Delegates in the first open election in the Soviet Union in 70 years last March, said he would be happy to meet with the US leader "if President Bush wants to meet with me."

If he is invited by Bush to Washington Yeltsin will have beaten Gorbachev to the White House.

Gorbachev met with Bush and then-president Ronald Reagan last year in New York.

Yeltsin, the second most popular man in the Soviet Union after Gorbachev according to the Soviet poll, said Gorbachev's popularity "has

been falling somewhat lately."

He declined to answer other questions including ones about the recent unrest in several Soviet regions, saying more issues would be addressed today at a news conference in New York.

Yeltsin, who was met by a crowd of reporters, a handful of observers and two Hare Krishna believers, said he would travel to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas, Chicago and Washington on a speaking tour.

The 58-year old politician will collect \$25,000 for each speech he will give in the United States, donating the proceeds to Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) research in the Soviet Union.

He is cutting short his visit from the two

weeks originally planned to attend a central committee plenary session on the nationalities issues. He returns to Moscow Sept 18.

The US visit by Yeltsin, who is also writing his autobiography, is a further indication of how open Soviet politics has become under Gorbachev's perestroika reforms.

Two years ago, Yeltsin was removed from his post as Moscow's Communist Party chief after criticising the slow pace of reform under Gorbachev.

But Yeltsin thrived after his dismissal. He campaigned for a seat in the Soviet Congress, and in March was swept into office with more than 90 per cent of the popular vote in the first contested Soviet election since 1917.

## Gorbachev hits out at radicals

'Emergency measures to improve economy'

MOSCOW, Sept. 10. (Agencies): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has bounced back from holiday with a stinging attack on conservatives and radicals who he says are trying to block his reforms and spreading alarm.

In a speech on national television yesterday, he denounced opponents of his perestroika (reform) programme for suggesting that a coup or civil war was in the making.

He also said fundamental decisions would be taken "on the transformation of the Soviet Federation."

Gorbachev said the government has worked out emergency measures to invigorate the economy and produce consumer goods the nation demands, but he warned the new steps will hurt some people.

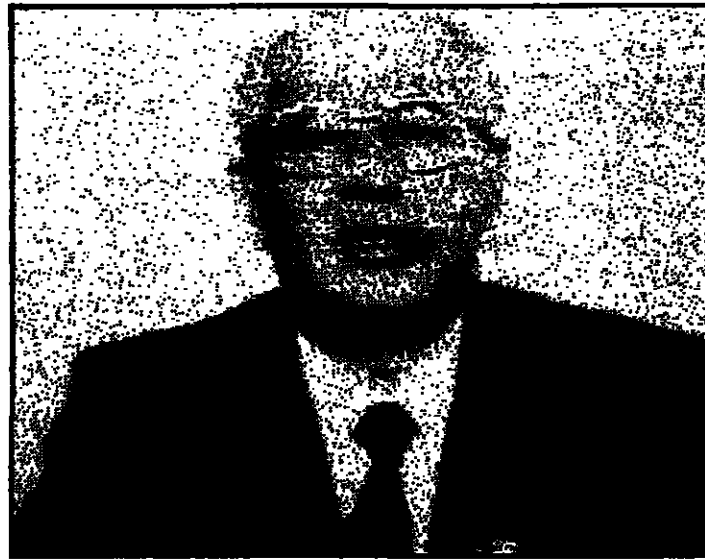
"Tough and painful measures will be taken, and they will not please some people, but they will be dictated by the situation," Gorbachev said. He did not explain exactly what economic measures might be planned such as rationing or price increases in the overly subsidised economy.

Gorbachev's comments were sharply at odds with remarks by Kremlin conservatives — in particular Politburo member Yegor Ligachev — that nationalist unrest threatened to pull the country apart.

Notably, he did not condemn Baltic activists who have been attacked daily in the media for weeks and blasted by Ligachev and other conservatives in his absence.

Looking tanned, calm and self-confident, the Soviet President and Communist Party chief said he knew the nation's situation was not easy but said people must not get discouraged and must press ahead with economic and political reforms.

"The present situation is a tight knot of problems," he said, and listed several of them — con-



Gorbachev: bouncing back

sumer goods shortages, ethnic conflicts, and difficulties associated with straightening out "distortions" of the socialist system.

"Attempts are being made to discredit perestroika (reform), acting from both conservative and leftist platforms and very often from openly anti-socialist positions," he said. "In this multi-voice choir are heard threats of the impending chaos, arguments about the threats of a coup and even civil war."

He did not say who was sounding the alarms. But Ligachev on Friday told an audience in Kirgizia that the Soviet Union could disintegrate as a result of its nationalities problems.

Ligachev has called for political measures to stop nationalist unrest that has spread from the Baltic republics and Transcaucasia to Moldavia, the Ukraine and Central Asia.

Gorbachev did not dwell on the subject but he hoped the policy-making Communist Party central committee, at its coming plenary meeting, would be able to solve the problems

associated with nationalities and the Soviet federation.

"Fundamental decisions on the transformation of Soviet federation are to be adopted," he said.

The plenum is expected to start on September 18.

Gorbachev also warned against strikes which have become a popular weapon across the country to back demands for everything from more goods in the shops to control of disputed territory and the repeal of language laws.

In Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, hundreds of thousands of people demonstrated on Saturday and declared they would continue a week-long strike for Azeri control of the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, which has a predominantly Armenian population.

Gorbachev said the government was working out a programme of extraordinary measures for improving the ailing economy, above all to cure consumer goods shortages. He said some of the measures might be painful but did not elaborate.

## Ukraine radicals asked to cool it off

KIEV, Soviet Union, Sept. 10. (Reuters): An autonomy movement stirred into life in the Soviet Union's second most important republic at the weekend as the Communist Party warned Ukraine's reformers not to push things too fast.

Radicals at the founding congress of a new mass movement called for economic independence for their region of more than 50 million people, which accounts for 25 per cent of Soviet food output and even more of its industrial production.

But there were also appeals for caution from other delegates keen not to upset the Kremlin, whose leaders are anxious about spreading nationalist sentiment in areas such as the Baltic republics and Transcaucasia in the south.

Speaking to reporters on the final day of the founding congress of Ruk (movement), which says it has 280,000 members, people on the organising committee said their central aim was economic independence.

They also pledged to fight for radical changes in a planned new election law which they fear will be manipulated to ensure seats in the republic's parliament for members of the Communist Party apparatus.

"We are ready for co-operation, because our position is not in conflict with perestroika (restructuring) or the progressive forces within the Communist Party," said Miroslav Popovich, a philosophy professor, one of the group's founders.

"The most progressive party leaders recognise the need to do something to change the economic situation," said activist Vasylyna Shkora. "It is impossible to change the very serious situation in the republic without economic independence."

Thousands of people carrying the banned yellow and blue Ukrainian national flag were due to march through the city later on Sunday for a rally and open-air mass by the underground unite Catholic church.

In an open letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, 18 Ukrainian members of parliament called for the Kremlin to look into the political situation in the republic. "The authority of the republic's top leadership has already fallen to zero and is continuing to fall," they said.

Police watched several hundred demonstrators with national flags who gathered outside the conference hall during the three-day congress, which republican authorities refused to transmit on radio or television.

In a first reaction from the ruling Ukrainian Communist party, Leonid Kravchuk, a senior official in the ideology department, told the congress on Saturday he supported calls to strengthen Ukrainian culture and economic independence.

But he also made it clear that the party would not tolerate any attempt at radical change which would challenge its own power in the republic.

"Do not be in a hurry," Kravchuk warned. "There are real political forces in the republic, whose existence must be taken into account."

"There is no mainstream that unites the people in all the regions of our republic in the same way as in the Baltic republics," said Popovich.

"We have more than 50 million people in the Ukraine and the national question is very different in the West, in the Donbas, in Kiev and in the South."



A bear in NY

Soviet Central Committee member Boris Yeltsin (bouquet in hand) arrives at New York's JFK Airport yesterday for his first visit to the United States. Yeltsin will be in the US till Sept 23 to deliver a series of lectures. Yeltsin hopes to meet US President Bush. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Red roses for Hazell

'It's sad, it's stupid'

UNNA-MASSEN, West Germany, Sept. 10. (AP): Three German children stand on a streetcorner in this quiet Dortmund suburb, staring in disbelief at dried splashes of blood where a British soldier's wife died from the bullets of an Irish Republican Army assassin.

"It's stupid. It's sad, and it's just so senseless," said one of them, a girl about 12 years old, shaking her head.

Unna-Massen has been stunned by Thursday's killing of German-born Heidi Hazell, 26. It was the fifth IRA attack on British military housing areas in West Germany since June, and the second murder.

It has been a summer of fear for British military personnel in West Germany. The attack has left a palpable mixture of sadness and feeling of vulnerability among not only the 150 British military families here, but among the 11,000 German residents as well.

German residents say they cannot understand why a guerrilla war is being waged in their country for a cause that has nothing to do with them.

"Some people here feel threatened after this. This terrible incident, a civilian being killed, shows that anything can happen," said Renate Sommer, a German cashier at a store next to the residential driveway where Mrs Hazell, apparently mistaken for a British soldier, was shot while sitting in a parked car.

The West German federal prosecutors' office on Friday warned West Germans they could become accidental targets of the IRA.

There has been an outpouring of sympathy and support among Germans in Unna-Massen for their British neighbours.

"We feel just awful for this woman and her family. It's simply not right for this to happen when these people are doing absolutely nothing wrong," Ms Sommer told the Associated Press.

Town residents have left red roses near the bloodstains, and there is a sympathy card left by a German family with the words: "In memory of a death that came far too soon."

German police and residents say the gunman, disguised in British army fatigues, got out of a vehicle that contained at least one other accomplice and fired about 16 rapid-fire shots at Mrs Hazell as she sat in the family's late-model Saab.

Mrs Hazell apparently tried to escape the shower of gunfire by jamming her car into reverse. Her automobile raced backwards across the street, plowed over a clump of bushes, and rammed into a stone wall where it came to a halt.

Neither British military officials nor West German investigators have released many details on the Hazells. The victim's husband, staff Sgt. Clive Hazell, was away on a military exercise at the time of the shooting.

Mrs Hazell was a German citizen born in Bremen. The couple had been married for two years.

Wilfried Scholzen, a Lutheran minister in Unna-Massen, says Mrs Hazell was very well-liked among German and British residents.

Scholzen, who lives less than 50 feet from the scene of the killing, was at home Thursday night and heard the shots from his West German investigators say was a high-powered Kalashnikov assault rifle.

Scholzen opened the door and saw Mrs Hazell's automobile on the sidewalk in front of his home.

Asked about his political views, Scholzen said he had been a member of the Communist Party until martial law was declared to suppress Solidarity in December 1981. He said he now was a member of the Solidarity Citizens Committee.

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Kuron said the transition to a market economy and implementation of measures to control inflation could lead to a drop in purchasing power, but the government would not abandon the disadvantaged.

Retired people, the unemployed and large families must all receive protection during the economic transition, he said.

Aleksander Paszynski, the Solidarity candidate for the building ministry, went before the local government committee.

"Insufficient housing is one major problem the new government will have to tackle. Poles can wait up to 20 years and sometimes longer for an apartment and prices have placed new housing out of the reach of many families."

This was a way of saying Oza had no clear successor and the party might collapse without him, diplomatic sources said.

## Polish nominees grilled on policy

WARSAW, (AP): Parliamentary hearings for nominees to new Solidarity-led government continued today with deputies grilling candidates on their plans to transform Poland's ailing economy.

The Council of Ministers, or cabinet, proposed so far by Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki gives half of the 24 council seats to Solidarity, Mazowiecki's first non-Communist government.

The Solidarity nominees, although the party would keep the strategic ministries of Defence and Interior, which control the Army and police.

Parliament is scheduled to convene Tuesday for a vote on the new government, and Mazowiecki is expected to deliver a speech outlining his government's programme during the session.

Leszek Balcerowicz, the Finance Minister nominee, and Jacek Kuron, the candidate for the Labour Ministry, went before the welfare and health committees today.

Balcerowicz, an economist, outlined a programme to revive the economy that he had presented yesterday during hearings of other committees.

The programme calls for restructuring the tax system, controls on wage inflation, liberalisation of foreign trade rules and unification of the official and "commercial" exchange rates.

The committee was obliged to break off questioning so that Balcerowicz could attend a meeting with Mazowiecki, where he was expected to work with the prime minister on putting final touches on the programme to be presented Tuesday.

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### No campaigning

Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland tells reporters that she had agreed with other political parties to end all campaigning for next Monday's national elections following the Norwegian chartered airline plane crash off Denmark that killed all 55 onboard. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sabotage ruled out in crash

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 10. (AP): Aviation authorities prepared to launch an underwater salvage operation today to lift a Norwegian charter plane that crashed in the North Sea off Denmark's west coast, presumably killing all 55 aboard.

Experts said metal fatigue in the ageing aircraft was a likely cause of Scandinavia's worst air disaster. Newspapers reported the aircraft had been involved in a serious accident in 1978 when it belonged to a Honduran airline.

Meanwhile, officials in Denmark and Norway dismissed media speculation that sabotage or accidental fire from naval vessels downed the plane.

Danish Navy Rear Adm. Hans Garde said on Denmark's public television that none of the Nato vessels taking part in a sea exercise in the area had fired their guns or missiles.

"So far there is nothing on the bodies or wreckage indicating the crash was caused by an explosion," said Tommy Jensen of the Denmark's air disaster commission.

In Oslo, the Wilhelien Wilhelmsen Shipping Company, which chartered the aircraft, also rejected the sabotage theory.

The 50 passengers were all employees of the shipping company. A two-day sea rescue operation that involved scores of ships and local trawlers was halted today as a Norwegian-Danish air disaster commission took over the search for wreckage and missing wreckage. A duty officer at the Karup airbase rescue centre said.

The twin-engine Convair turboprop plane was en route from Oslo, Norway, to Hamburg, West Germany, on Friday when it plunged into the North Sea 16 nautical miles (30 kilometres) north of the Danish fishing port of Hirtshals.

Flags flew at half mast and polling stations reported low initial turnouts in a country still numbed by Friday's unexplained crash of a Convair CV-580 Metropolitan charter plane.

The accident caused all political parties in Norway to cancel further campaigning for the two-day election which will determine whether the minority Labour government of Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland will continue in office, or be replaced by a non-socialist election.

Brundtland appeared to be recovering some lost support, analysts said today.

Brundtland's non-socialist opponents retained an apparent majority, according to final polls. But deep rifts could prevent them from forming a working alliance and allow Brundtland's Labour Party to continue to lead the government, the analysts said.

### Pope approved plan

Pope John Paul approved an agreement to remove a Catholic convent from the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in Poland, a French Jewish leader said in an interview.

Theo Klein, one of the European Jewish leaders who negotiated a 1987 accord in Geneva with the Catholic church to remove the nuns, told the Italian Communist Party newspaper L'Unita.

"Those accords would not have been signed if the Pope had not given (them) his blessing."

The refusal by Polish Roman Catholic church leaders to honour the Geneva Accord, under which the Carmelite nuns were to have left the convent last February, has brought Catholic-Jewish relations to their lowest point in years.

Picture shows file photo of the Carmelite convent. (Reuters wirephoto)

Charges rejected: The supreme court rejected charges of human rights abuses against West German settlers in Colonia Dignidad in a decision that angered Bonn authorities, legal and diplomatic sources said yesterday.

An investigation carried out "did not establish the existence of facts or crimes that could affect (Chile's) international relations," the supreme court's decision said Friday. The high court also terminated the special mandate to judge Hernan Roberts, who had been investigating

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Two weeks after the Vatican delegation returned from Moscow, the Pope created a cardinal for Lithuania.

In what appeared to be a gesture of support for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Pope John Paul II gave his blessing today to the people of the USSR.

## Gorbachev to visit Vatican in November to see Pope

ROME, Sept. 10. (Agencies): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev will become the first Kremlin leader to meet a Pope when he visits the Vatican in November. Moscow's envoy to Italy confirmed today.

The meeting would be a major step towards a trip to the Soviet Union by Pope John Paul II, who has often said he wants to visit Catholic areas such as the Ukraine and Lithuania.

Ambassador Nikolai Lunkov told Italian radio that Gorbachev's visit to Italy, which has been postponed several times in the past few years, would take place in the second half of November. Asked if the trip would include a visit by Gorbachev to Polish-born Pope John Paul II at the Vatican, Lunkov said: "Yes, and why not?"

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# 'Tentative romance' may lead to hostage release

LONDON, Sept 10, (Kuna): Details were emerging of "behind-the-scenes" manoeuvring involving the US, Iran and Syria which sources in the Middle East regard as hopeful to the eventual release of Western hostages in Lebanon, according to a report here today.

Quoting "Iranian and radical Shiite

sources in Beirut," the Sunday Times newspaper believed that a "tentative romance" between Washington and Tehran might start bearing fruit as early as next month.

In addition, some Beirut circles have already begun referring to October as the "month of the hostages," although they were aware that nothing specific

was yet promised and that there could be setbacks.

"The same sources said the Syrians have been holding talks in Damascus with the Americans on the hostage issue, with the Syrian side authorised to put a "collective position reflecting their own and Iranian demands," the paper maintained.

It also reckoned that relations between America and Iran, crucial to any hostage release, are likely to be warmed by last week's evacuation of American diplomats from east Beirut and Washington's rift with the Lebanese Christian leader, General Michel Aoun.

Meanwhile, the Sunday Times poin-

ted out that there was an 'eclipse of radical elements most opposed to releasing the hostages as part of a process or Iran reopening to the outside world.'

In a related move, a report reaching here last night said that Iran might be considering the release of Roger

Cooper, the British businessman imprisoned in Tehran on spying charges.

But the New York Times in a report said, despite hints that Iran would like a deal for the release of American hostages, the Bush administration has concluded that Tehran's new leadership has not decided to act.

## Hezbis and Amal bury the hatchet

NICOSIA, Sept 10, (Agencies): Delegations from Lebanon's Shiite Muslim groups Hizbollah and Amal, reconciled after years of rivalry, met Iranian leaders in Tehran today, the Iranian News Agency Irna said.

It said President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani repeated Iran's support for Hizbollah (Party of God) in a meeting with its delegation, led by Hassan Musavi, Ibrahim Amin and Hussein Khaili.

The Amal delegation led by Ayoub Homayed met Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who the agency said expressed satisfaction at the rapprochement between the two groups.

The Amal delegation thanked Iran for "its sincere efforts in preventing further bloodshed" between the two groups, Irna said.

### Intensify

In other developments Rafsanjani has named his interior minister as chairman of a new national security council that will intensify the campaign to stamp out drug abuse and smuggling, Tehran radio reported today.

The state radio, monitored in Nicosia, said Rafsanjani issued the decree appointing Hojatoleslam Abdollah Nouri as head of the powerful security council yesterday.

The council, formed by Rafsanjani following his July 28 election, will centralise control of all law-enforcement agencies in an apparent move to escalate a crackdown on drug trafficking and corruption.

Rafsanjani's efforts are linked to similar anti-narcotics campaigns in neighbouring Pakistan and Turkey to combat the growth of heroin production and smuggling from the region, particularly Afghanistan.

### Block

If successful, they will block a major drug smuggling route into Western Europe that could have a profound effect on Rafsanjani's hopes for restoring political relations with the West to end a decade of isolation.

The US State Department estimated in a global narcotics review published last March that "opium production and heroin trafficking are deeply entrenched in the Southwest Asian nations of Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan."

## Protests mount in held areas

### Nablus teenager shot dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 10, (Agencies): Soldiers fatally shot a 19-year-old Palestinian lunging to hurl a firebomb at them today in Nablus, the military command said. Six Arab protesters were wounded in ensuing clashes in the West Bank city.

Also in Nablus, a lone attacker stabbed to death a fellow Arab accused by Palestinians of working with Israeli intelligence, Arab reports said. The army confirmed the death but said the motive for the slaying was criminal, not alleged collaboration.

Police, meanwhile, questioned a Palestinian from the occupied territories suspected of stabbing an Israeli bus driver in an attempt to force a passenger bus off the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway and into a ravine.

The attempt last night occurred as the Jerusalem-bound bus was 12 kms (seven miles) from the city, near where a Palestinian forced a bus off a cliff on July 6, killing 16 Jews, including an American and a Canadian tourist.

Another disaster was prevented by several elderly passengers who grabbed the assailant and beat him, witnesses said.

Eliezer Alsheikh, 60, a former soldier who was among those who grappled with the suspect, told Israeli radio stations that the assailant wore a Jewish skullcap.

Alsheikh said "I suddenly saw somebody spring at the driver and stab him shouting 'Allahu Akbar' (God is Great)."

Police spokesman Uzi Sandori said two policemen happened to be driving behind the bus, noticed there was trouble and rescued the suspect from passengers who were beating him.

The driver, Shlomo Assor, 40, was stabbed twice in the abdomen and once in the arm.

Today's unrest in the occupied West Bank's largest city, Nablus, erupted shortly after soldiers lifted a week-long curfew that confined the city's 120,000 residents to their homes.

A group of youths showered a military patrol with stones, an army spokesman said.

Then, he added, "two youths were seen lighting a firebomb, and then the patrol commander shot the person as he was about to throw it at them."

Officials at the city's Anglican Hospital said the victim, Samir Mohammed Rumaneh, 19, died of a gunshot wound to the head.

After the shooting, violence spread to other Nablus neighbourhoods and two nearby refugee camps, where six youths were slightly wounded, the army said.

Five Palestinians also were shot in other clashes with soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza, Arab hospital officials said.

Last night, a lone Palestinian assailant reportedly stabbed and killed Abdullah Hajej, 27, near his home in Tal village outside Nablus, hours after his house was attacked with a firebomb.

Hajej, an employee in a vegetable market in the Israeli town of Petah Tikvah, had been accused of collaborating with the Israeli authorities in helping to raise olive groves and mustering recruits for Israeli intelligence, the reports said.

Underground uprising leaders published a leaflet condemning two of the latest slayings over the last two weeks.

"The enemy takes advantage of the mistakes committed by irresponsible people who assassinate and kill some Palestinian citizens for... collaboration with the enemy without orders from high leaders," the leaflet said.

Three prominent Palestinians, meanwhile, were travelling to Egypt later this week to urge the PLO to allow Arabs from the occupied territories to hold peace talks with Israel, newspapers reported.

The independent daily Haaretz newspaper said Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak would meet the group and propose that a Palestinian delegation for negotiations include 12 people from the occupied territories, including two Arabs deported by Israel.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency said PLO chief Yasser Arafat also would be in Cairo this week.

## Ethiopian war 'ending'

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept 10, (Reuters): Ethiopia and its guerrilla opponents, sapped by years of bloody conflict, have paved the way for an end to Africa's longest civil war at historic peace talks here.

Former US president Jimmy Carter, host of the negotiations, told reporters yesterday the warring parties had virtually agreed to hold further talks to try to end a conflict that has crippled Ethiopia's economy and killed hundreds of thousands of people.

The 28-year war in the northern and desert province of Eritrea has also exacerbated a perennial famine for the region's 3.5 million people and forced more than 800,000 others to flee into neighbouring states as refugees.

"I don't really see a major obstacle now (to the talks)," Carter said after three days of negotiations, only the second face-to-face encounter between the antagonists in a decade.

He added that the meeting was likely to be concluded either today or tomorrow, when a joint communiqué spelling out details such as the venue, date and agenda for future talks would be issued.

Carter, negotiator of landmark 1979 Camp David peace accords between Egypt and Israel, said the Atlanta meeting had not discussed a ceasefire but added he had raised this with the Ethiopian and rebel Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) delegations.

"My hope is that if we are successful here in Atlanta we will send clear signals to Ethiopia/Eritrean people back home and

## Rebels defeat Ethiopians

NAIROBI, Sept 10, (Reuters): Rebel groups in northern Ethiopia said today they had extended the area under their control after halting an Ethiopian government offensive and wiping out an elite airborne division.

The Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), linking the Tigray People's Liberation Front and the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement, said fighting began on Aug 29, when government forces attacked rebel-held areas.

An EPRDF communiqué teleaxed to Reuters from Khartoum said the rebels had wiped out Ethiopia's 605 Army Corps and the 3rd Revolutionary Front-line Command.

The 102nd Airborne Division, which played a key role last May in crushing an attempted military coup against Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam, was among the units destroyed, it added.

The 102nd Airborne Division had been moved from Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, to take part in the offensive. "It was the government's most elite force, known for its loyalty to the regime," the communiqué said.

The EPRDF said government forces had launched the offensive to crush the rebels. Four government divisions deployed between Maychew and Kobo had been wiped out, and tanks, guns, vehicles and millions of rounds of ammunition captured.

"The heavily-entrenched garrison towns of Alamata and Kobo are under EPRDF control," the communiqué said.

that the sides will either take joint action or unilateral action (to declare ceasefire) to demonstrate good faith and confidence-building measures," he said.

"I have been informed that everyday throughout Ethiopia all the churches — the Coptic and Catholic and Protestant churches — are ringing their bells for 15 minutes just to let the leaders throughout the region know that the people themselves want peace."

"There is a great concentration of awareness, hope and prayers in that region that we can be successful here," he added.

The EPLF, backed by several Arab nations chiefly Iraq and

Syria, want the independence of Eritrea, once a colony of Italy and strategically located along the Red Sea. Ethiopia's main outlet to the outside world.

The province was federated with Ethiopia in 1952 but 10 years later legislators in Eritrea dissolved the union in favour of central government rule.

Ethiopia has chafed at the idea of losing its only access to the Red Sea. The country has received about \$500 million a year in military aid from the Soviet Union to fight the rebels, but diplomatic sources say the Soviets are pressuring Ethiopia to end the seemingly unwinnable war.

## Artillery battle continues in Beirut

## 'US lacks courage'

BEIRUT, Sept 10, (Agencies): Syrian and Christian forces battled with artillery and rockets today and Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun, deepening a rift with the United States, charged that Washington does not have the courage "to confront terrorism."

Police said one person was killed and seven were wounded in the shelling and in gunbattles across Beirut's dividing Green Line and the mountains overlooking the capital.

That raised the casualty toll since fighting erupted between Aoun's forces and the Syrians March 8 to at least 834 killed and 2,481 wounded.

Police said Syrian guns opened up before dawn on ships trying to run a six-month-old blockade of the Christian enclave north of Beirut.

The Syrians apparently suspected the vessels were carrying arms and supplies from Iraq, Aoun's main backer and Syria's archrival in the Arab world.

Aoun's gunners responded with 155mm Howitzer barrages against Syrian artillery batteries along the seaside Ein Mreissieh Boulevard in Muslim West Beirut.

Beirut newspapers quoted Aoun as saying in an interview with the US NBC television network that President George Bush's US administration of doing nothing to curb the Syrians' actions in Lebanon.

"America practices the policy of bowing to Syria's influence in Lebanon... and is giving Syria the opportunity to annex Lebanon," Aoun declared.

"We ask the United States not to support Syria's occupation of Lebanon," he said.

Syria maintains 40,000 troops in mainly Muslim sectors of Lebanon. They entered the country in June 1976 under an Arab League mandate to halt the civil war fighting between Christians and Muslims that erupted in April 1975.

But the 54-year-old Maronite Catholic general, who claims the Syrians are an occupying force, charges that they aggravated that peacekeeping mandate by openly siding with the Muslims.

Aoun has repeatedly accused the Americans of selling out to Syria. Christian leaders believe that one of the factors in Washington's failure to take action to curb Syrian shelling for fear of harming other Americans held hostage by Iranian-backed Shiite Muslim groups.

Syria is Iran's main ally and has pledged to help free the American captives who are among 16 Westerners missing in Lebanon. Most are held by Shiite factions.

Aoun was quoted as telling NBC: "America does not have enough courage to confront terrorism."

"It's certain that Americans will become the target for increased attacks all over the world because the American government is making concessions to the terrorists," he said.

Aoun described the US embassy in Christian East Beirut as an "espionage network," but offered to guarantee the security for the 30 diplomats evacuated from the heavily fortified embassy compound last Wednesday.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler blamed the evacuation on Aoun



Aoun hits out at Washington for abandoning Lebanon. (Reuters wire-photo)

### US pullout for security reasons

## Aoun reneged

WASHINGTON, Sept 10, (Kuna): US Ambassador to Lebanon John McCarthy said today that his mission was ended entirely for security reasons after the chief of Lebanon's military cabinet broke his promise to halt anti-American activities against the US embassy in Beirut.

"We didn't leave in any kind of effort to send a political signal," said McCarthy in an interview with the Washington Post.

The timing of the withdrawal, McCarthy said, was particularly unfortunate because of the prospect that an Arab League mediation effort, which is scheduled to resume next Wednesday in Saudi Arabia, may provide the basis for ending Lebanon's 14-year nightmare of death and destruction.

"I would love to be in Beirut" if the mediation effort is finally able to get off the ground, said McCarthy, who called the Arab League's proposal for a ceasefire, internal political accords and the withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli forces "good raw materials for a final solution" to the crisis of Lebanon.

McCarthy said what cut short his mission — and left the United States without a diplomatic presence for the first time in the Lebanese civil war — were the unexpected threats and actions of Gen. Michel Aoun, commander of the Lebanese Christian Army and one of two rival claimants to be Lebanese prime minister.

The ambassador said that last spring, after ending a 40-day sit-in by Christian students at the embassy, Aoun told him, "I promise you my anti-American campaign is over." But since then, McCarthy said, Aoun "forgot what he told me" and a few days ago began exerting strong pressure by word and deed against the US embassy.

An important factor in the decision to leave, McCarthy said, was an anonymous telephone call to the embassy on Tuesday warning that the embassy's regular resupply helicopter would be "knocked out of sky" by Soviet-made missiles if it tried to land in the future.

after about 1,000 of his Christian supporters besieged the embassy, demanding US action against Syria.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in interviews published today that Syria, locked in battles with Christian forces in

Lebanon, is ready to co-operate with an Arab League peace committee to end the bloodshed.

"Algerian President Chadli Benjedid told me Syrian leader Hafez Al Assad was prepared to co-operate with the three-member committee."

## Muslims? yes: party leanings? no

JEDDAH, Sept 10, (AP): Sudan's First Lady, Fatima Khalid Ahmed Al Bashir, says her family is as devout as the average Sudanese Muslim family but was not affiliated to any Islamic political party.

"We are a Sudanese family that is totally committed to the Islamic faith and its benign teachings, and my husband is the most religious among us," said Mrs Bashir to the Saudi Arabian newspaper Ashraq Al Awsat. It was her first press interview since her husband, Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir, seized power in Khartoum, June 30.

"Because of our behaviour and our dress, some try to stamp us with Islamic politics leanings, but this is a natural devoutness which characterises the majority of the Sudanese nation," she said.

She also said she "never" heard her husband say anything in support of any political organisation or trend. "He does not have, neither do I, nor does any member of our family have any political or party leanings," she said.

"Despite our Islamic adherence, we have not taken part in any Islamic political or charity organisation."

Mrs Bashir said her father, who is also the uncle of the Sudanese ruler, was the imam or preacher of their village Hosh Bonka, 150 miles (240 kms) north of Khartoum, where she and her husband grew up.

She said her father-in-law had left the village for Khartoum where he was a worker at a milk factory, and her husband had joined him for his secondary school studies.

## Palestinian and Lebanese leftists claim attack on Israel

BEIRUT, Sept 10, (Reuters): Israeli jets made reconnaissance flights over south Lebanon and hills southeast of Beirut today after an attack on Israeli forces for which two pro-Syrian groups claimed responsibility.

The Lebanese National Resistance Front, a leftist coalition, said its fighters carried out the attack, claimed earlier by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Security sources in occupied Jerusalem said one Israeli soldier and at least one Arab were killed. They said a wounded commando escaped back into Lebanon during the fighting last night in the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights.

was killed and "the enemy suffered several losses in the firefight."

The Damascus-based PFLP, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, backs PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's peace drive but also believes in armed attacks against Israel. It said it fired rockets from Jordan that slammed into Israel on Thursday.

Yesterday's border clash was the eighth this year. Hours earlier Soviet-designed Katyusha rockets slammed into the border security zone and UN-patrolled areas immediately to the north. No casualties were reported.

On August 9, five Israeli soldiers were woun-

## Soviets outfoxed US on Kabul

WASHINGTON, Sept 10, (Agencies): The Bush administration seriously misread Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's intentions in Afghanistan after the withdrawal of the last Soviet troops there in February and did not think he intended to make a major military and political commitment to the survival of the Kabul regime, according to a senior administration official today.

The "mind-set" in the administration, the official told the Washington Post, had been that the Kabul regime lacked staying power and legitimacy and that Gorbachev would accept its rapid demise in the name of better relations with Washington and a policy of general retrenchment in Soviet involvement in Third World conflicts.

US officials have been particularly surprised by the amount of money the economically strained Soviets have been willing to spend to sustain Najibullah. US analysts have estimated that Soviet arms shipments have been worth \$200 million to \$300 million each month since January.

The senior US official conceded that misjudgement of Gorbachev's intentions was just one of a number by the administration and US intelligence community about events in Afghanistan after the Soviet withdrawal that have led to an unexpected military and political stalemate.

Massive Soviet aid will ensure Afghanistan does not starve during the harsh winter despite mujahadeen rebels control over much of the countryside, a top government official said.

"You should be confident that the Soviet Union will not leave us in hunger," first Deputy Prime Minister Mahmood Baryalai told foreign reporters.

He said Kabul had stockpiled 35,000 tonnes of wheat from the Soviet Union to see the city through the winter.

"We have completed our food-stuff preparations for the winter," he said.

International relief agencies say Kabul needs to put away at least another 60,000 tonnes before the roads ice over.

Tens of thousands of people are leaving the capital every month as prices soar in markets ahead of winter and merchants and traders begin to hoard, aid workers say.

Baryalai said the government was distributing 500 tonnes of food a day to the 1.5 million ration card-holders in Kabul, which has a population of around two million.

"As for reserves, the danger of last winter we do not face this winter," Baryalai said.

Some 40 Aeroflot cargo planes fly into Kabul each day with 5,000 tonnes of goods from the Soviet Union.

### Stuck

A senior government official said yesterday a 1,300-vehicle supply convoy was stuck outside the provincial capital of Kandahar because government troops were unable to secure the last stretch of road from rebel attacks.

Also yesterday, Yuli Vorontsov, Soviet first deputy foreign minister and ambassador to Kabul since late 1988, ended his tour. He paid a final courtesy call on Najibullah before leaving, the state news agency Bakhtar reported.

Vorontsov, absent for most of the summer, returned last Monday but had previously said he expected to leave.

He was ambassador during the final phase of the nine-year Soviet military intervention, which ended in February. No replacement has been named.

In Kabul, six people were killed and eight wounded by three rockets that hit a residential neighbourhood in an outlying district, the government spokesman said.

More than 300 people have died and 700 have been injured in almost daily rocket attacks since late June. The government blames them on the Pakistani-based rebels, who accuse the government of firing on its own civilians.

Baryalai confirmed that a large supply convoy was bogged down short of Kandahar by heavy fighting.

Israeli warplanes staged mock attacks on two towns in Lebanon a police spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the planes did not bomb any targets in Bhamdoun in central Lebanon and Damour on the Lebanese coast but drew anti-aircraft fire from Muslim Druse militiamen and Palestinian commandos.

Earlier Christian radio stations reported an Israeli air raid at Bhamdoun.



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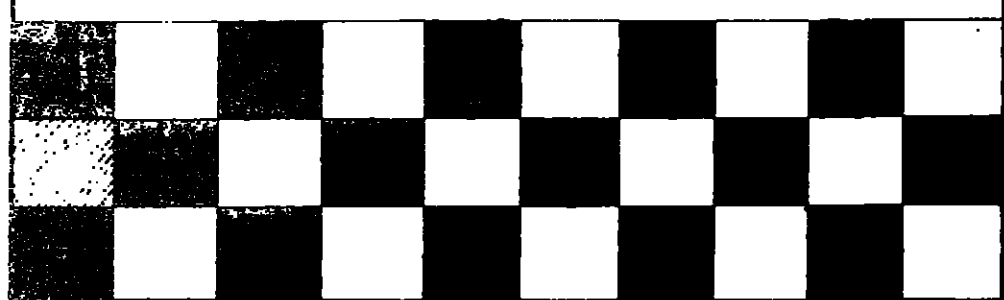
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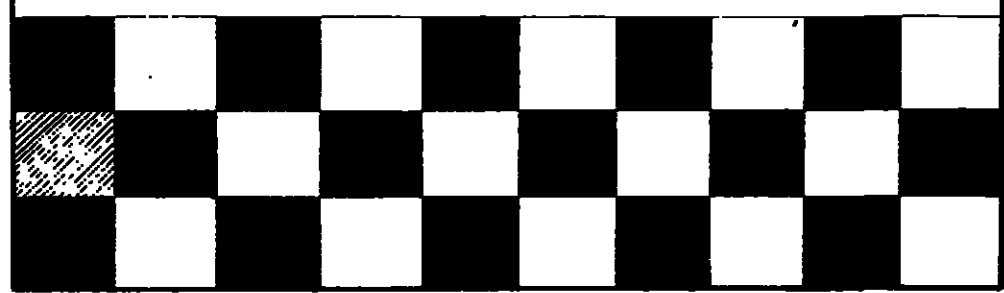
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## Kuwait envisages limited food security

## Wheat experiment successful

LONDON, Sept 10, (Kuna): Kuwait's five-year development plan includes numerous agricultural projects and allows for greater contribution of the agricultural sector to the national economy, according to head of Kuwait's Union of Agricultural Societies.

Barrak Nasser Al Noun, in an interview with the London-based *Al Sharq Al Awsat* newspaper, said the 1990-95 development plan also envisages a reasonable degree of food security from local resources.

Commenting on plans to draw water from Iraq's Shatt Al Arab waterway to irrigate wider tracts of land in Kuwait for agricultural purposes, the official said the project would help solve much of the country's cultivation problems.

He indicated that the experiment of growing wheat, now in its first year of implementation upon instructions of HH the Amir of Kuwait, has achieved tremendous results, noting that agriculture, which until 1980 had represented only

marginal percentage of the national gross product, is now developing as result of state efforts and attention to this sector.

## Co-operatives

The union, according to its chairman, comprises four agricultural co-operatives with a membership of more than 400 people engaged in agricultural and animal husbandry and rearing activities.

Explaining efforts exerted by the union to solve marketing problems of local

produce, Al Noun said that a number of distribution outlets had been established and indicated that the union is buying from producers at a fair and equitable price while offering the produce to consumers at reasonable prices.

He concluded that the union is an active participant of the Arab Union of Co-operative Societies and has contributed to the amendment of the union's bylaws during its recent conference in Cairo.

## Housing services to stay: Roudhan

MINISTER of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan has ruled out the possibility of the government discontinuing the implementation of its various housing plans and programmes.

He told a local daily that the government's commitment to the housing cause is a matter of principle from which there is no going back. The steady growth in public spending and the government's resort to rationalisation policies to control expenses would under no circumstances affect the quality of housing services.

The government's housing care programme is one of the urban landmarks in the country and an indication of the government's unremitting effort to further develop housing services and ensure a better future for its citizens.

Roudhan stressed the government's intention to provide citizens with houses designed to offer architectural flexibility and potential adjustments made by the occupant who ultimately became the owner of the house and naturally would make the changes he thought would make his residence a better place to live in.

He added that with this in mind, the government has always endeavoured to meet the national housing policy requirements for elegant houses with a view to fulfill the aspirations of citizens, who had become more inclined to accept the government-provided houses rather than take care of building their own houses on plots and loans offered by the government.

The ministry's next five-year plan involves the execution of tens of housing projects in almost all areas in the country. Priorities of the next plan include promotion of Kuwaiti family housing requirements.

He also said that the plan would involve the execution of housing complexes fashioned after the Sawabir Complex, which is close to the city and all government and public services.

Roudhan ruled out any possible intention on the government's part to increase real estate loans, pointing out that the set loan amount was deemed adequate for the construction of a decent house. Any extra cost incurred by additions requested by the house owner would have to be borne by him.

He stressed the government's effort to reduce the waiting period before applicants could receive their houses, pointing out that this issue was a priority on the agenda of the Higher Housing Council at all of its meetings.

## CSC plans considerable changes in public sector

ACCORDING to an official source, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) is currently engaged in earnest consideration of proposed substantial changes in the existing functional systems at ministries and other government agencies.

A local daily said that the proposed changes were aimed at creating harmony among existing functional systems and the administrative development plan. Views on this proposed action have already been invited by the CSC from all relevant government ministries and departments.

The daily added that the source expected the CSC to receive comments from all invited parties within a month, and that full and adequate consideration would follow to select the best recommendations on the issue.

The daily added that the proposed changes would cover appointments, re-appointments, competence evaluation, allowances, promotions, secondments, deputisation, leave, incentives, superannuation for Kuwaitis, termination of non-Kuwaiti employees and others.



## Kuwaiti-French security talks

The visiting French Interior Minister Pierre Joxe and his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem held a round of official talks Saturday evening in the presence of officials from both sides.

Nothing official emerged from the talks, but the French minister told the Kuwait News Agency in an earlier interview that he was going to listen to Kuwaiti requests and see to the possibility of responding to them. Sheikh Salem earlier in the day hosted a luncheon in honour of the French minister. It was attended by the Ministry of Interior undersecretary, the French ambassador to Kuwait and other senior officials.

## 5,746 deportations during 1988: Yahia

## Dues settled prior to departure

KUWAITI authorities deported 5,746 persons convicted of various offences from Kuwait during the year 1988, director of deportation department at the Ministry of Interior Lieut Col Khaled Al Yahia said.

Any person subjected to deportation orders should prove that he is a bonafide national of a particular country. This is essential because no country in the world will accept any individual who is not their national or does not hold a travel document that is recognised internationally and has an entry visa.

Persons who are deported can apply to return to the country after a lapse of two years provided they meet the conditions of the law. This is limited in the article No. 14 of the Law of Residence.

Elucidating, Yahia said that deportation is of two kinds - judicial deportation that is issued

by a judge of the court and administrative deportation that is issued by relevant authorities against persons who commit actions that are deemed harmful to public interests.

The former does not need the approval of the Ministry of Interior to allow the deported person to return to Kuwait after a period of two years from deportation date. However, such clearance to return to Kuwait is required by those who have been deported administratively.

## Settlement

Yahia pointed out that his department is specialised in carrying out judicial and administrative deportation orders that are issued by the five governorates - State Security Department, Immigration Intelligence Department, General Traffic Administration, Defence Ministry, CID and General Adminis-

tration for Jails and Sentences Execution.

The department prepares a file of any person who is to be deported, including all evidence that prove his charge, along with photographs and fingerprints. All financial dues and debts of the deported person are settled prior to deportation.

On being deported, the name and other particulars of the deportee are sent to all the list of persons who are prohibited from entering the country. Particulars are also sent to the Criminal Evidence Department to prevent him from obtaining a certificate of good conduct.

He added that deportation is also applied to some persons who are sentenced by traffic courts. Drivers who have committed several major traffic violations fall in this category, the official said.

## Vehicle testing centres

## Privatisation disadvantageous, say residents

THE Ministry of Interior has recently issued a decision transferring the responsibility of technical automobiles testing to privately owned workshops under the supervision of the General Traffic Department in order to lighten pressure on technical testing centres attached to the ministry. An official at the Ministry of Interior indicated that the new decision will enhance the process of ensuring the safety of automobiles and security conditions to preserve human life and to decrease the rate of traffic accidents in the country.

In a survey conducted by a local daily among residents and citizens, those in favour agreed on the importance and advantage of the new ministry decision on the condition that the technical testing of automobiles should remain under the supervision of the General Traffic Department to prevent any personal influences "Wasta." Meanwhile, those who were not in favour commented that the new decision will have many disadvantages when implemented pointing out that

lightening pressure on the General Traffic Department could be resolved by increasing the number of employees at automobiles technical inspection centres and by finding new centres attached to the department.

Haza Al Shemari did not support the new decision saying that he prefers conducting technical tests on his car inside the General Traffic Department as usual because workshops could tend to be overzealous in finding faults.

On the other hand, Fahd Al Shemari said that transferring technical inspection to some private owned car garages will lighten up the pressure which exists at centres attached to the ministry and will speed up the operation. He indicated that this new decision will encourage the private sector in the country.

Both Sameeh Barakat and Ali Nasrallah were in favour of transferring technical automobiles inspection to specialised

mechanical workshops to enable residents to achieve full benefit from the technical inspection operation for their cars. They said that such a step will make residents feel more comfortable towards the safety of their cars. They said that the decision came in time to lighten up pressure existing at the General Traffic Department centres.

Mohammed Najd Al Dokhi said that transferring technical inspection to private owned workshops may lead to traffic jams when more than three cars are to be inspected at one garage. He did not support the new decision, due to the fact that it will involve misuse of this duty because of illegal gain.

Mohammed Al Rasheedi believes that increasing the number of employees at General Traffic Department technical testing centres and finding new areas to build centres will resolve the problem. He said some private owned garages may use the new decision for their own financial benefit.

## School supplies expensive: parents

## Rush on at markets

ON the occasion of the beginning of the new academic year, local markets were congested with parents and students seeking school supplies. Merchants, generally seize this opportunity by increasing prices of supplies and thereby exploit all those who cannot do without these essential scholastic requirements.

To highlight this issue, a local daily toured the market and interviewed a number of people.

Ahmed Amer, said that he has four daughters and when he tried to purchase the necessary school supplies, he was surprised to learn that there was wide disparity in the prices from one place to another. He added that overall, the prices were very high and called for drastic reduction in prices.

Faiga Ennah, said that preparation for the school year is inevitable. She complained that prices were expensive particularly for school bags.

Ahmed Hussein, said that every new school season constitute an opportunity for visiting the markets and getting familiar with new educational instruments. He pointed that some new educational instruments had drawn his attention as these items were not available in the previous years. He said prices were reasonable and were similar to that of the past year.

Salem Al Qallaf said, though the market had introduced new products this year, prices were exor-

bitant. He called on authorities to monitor prices and protect citizens from being illegally exploited. He complained that some people were always seeking fast profits and the victim is always the wage earner of families.

Abdulaziz Mohammed, complained of the disparity in prices from one bookshop to another or from supermarket to another. He cited the example of a school bag being sold at KD2 and the same kind of bag being sold at another shop at KD3. He added that the prices of some supplies were reasonable, but nothing was cheap this year.

A Kuwaiti lady identified as Umim Abdullah said that she had one child and she came to the market to purchase the necessary stationery and educational instruments for him. Though this year there were many novel items introduced in the market, this was not reflected in educational instruments. Commenting on the prices prevailing in the market, she said prices are very high and no discount is offered. She clarified that the prices of stationery and educational instruments at the International Exhibition Ground in Mishref was very expensive compared to prices in the other bookshops.

A teacher at one kindergarten, Suad Radi said that she used to come to the market every year to purchase educational instruments for children. Unfortunately she found nothing new in the market this year, except that the prices were very high.

## Health test for students

SCHOOL health centres have conducted medical examinations on 45,000 to 50,000 fresh pupils this year, according to Dr Hussein Al Mumin, chairman of the school health department at the Public Health Ministry.

He went on to state that the health department has begun its preparations to receive pupils who are expected to be admitted in the schools from January every year and the department's centres will receive all pupils who will join kindergartens and private or public primary schools.

There are 20 specialised centres to examine pupils in different areas at which health inspectors conduct safety inspection of school environment beginning from the very first day of the scholastic year. Inspection is carried out in co-operation with school activities department of the Ministry of Education.



# Legal Clinic

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I HAVE been working in a private firm for the last five years. A year ago, my wife joined the same company. Recently, some people were made redundant; they may fire my wife. My salary is not enough to apply for a family visa. Under these circumstances, I would like to know if I can transfer her residence to my sponsorship. Will she have to leave the country if the company cancels her residence? Please advise. Is there any other alternative?

YOU can apply to the Migration D.R. Department to transfer her residence to a dependent visa, explaining all details of her case. If they reject the application, she will have to leave the country if the company cancels her residence. The only other alternative would be to find another employer for your wife.

MY colleagues and I have been working in a shop for the last two years. Recently, the owner sold the shop and we have a new employer. He has also changed the name of the company. Do we have to change our sponsorship to the name of the new company and owner?

YOU must change the name of the sponsor. Apply to the Immigration Department, along with the relevant documents from the company indicating the change of ownership and the name of the company, to amend the name of the sponsor and legalise your stay in the country.

ONE of my friends was recruited in India as a truck driver for a local transport company. He worked with the company for three years. The company's business was to transport sand from Saudi Arabia to Kuwait, and my friend drove one of the trucks on that route. On Aug 19, while on a trip to Saudi Arabia, my friend suffered a heart attack and died in Saudi Arabia. His body is still there.

1. Is it the company's responsibility to send his body back home?  
2. Is his family eligible for any compensation? Can they receive it in India?

3. My friend had no relatives or friends, except me, here. How can I help his family to complete the formalities?

4. My friend kept some money with me. No one knows about that money. What are my moral and legal responsibilities?

Is it alright if I make a fixed deposit so that his wife and children get some monthly income?

1. The company must try to find a body to replace him. But if the company is not on the law in Saudi Arabia. But the company must try to repatriate the body according to the procedure in SA. You can seek the help of the Indian Embassy to follow the case; they will be able to take care of the matter in a better manner.

2. On compensation: Article 65 says that if the labourer sustains an injury by reason (at work) and in the course of duty, he is entitled to compensation. In your case, the person died of natural causes, heart attack, and not due to the work; therefore, there is no compensation. But the company must pay all the benefits.

3. Any member of the driver's family can claim the benefits; if you want to complete the formalities, you must get a power of attorney to act on their behalf to collect his dues; using the same document, you can hire a lawyer, to file a case, if there is any case.

4. This money automatically goes to his family, and must be paid to them. Even if he had kept it secret, it must be paid immediately, to take care of their financial needs, to organise their affairs, till the rest of the money is sent to them.

MY brother who was working in one of the ministries, could not return to Kuwait within the leave period and also within six months due to some personal problems. He worked for that ministry for seven years.

I would like to know the way to obtain his services for the period he worked, on his behalf.

YOU can get the power of attorney from your brother which states you can take the money on his behalf and then get it stamped at the Kuwaiti embassy in your country along with the stamp of your country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Afterwards, you can go with this certificate to that ministry in Kuwait and submit it.

SINCE the last nine years, I have been working in a private company. Although the management appointed me as a tailor, I have been assigned on other field work without objection from my side. But when I returned from my annual holiday one week ago, I was shown a memo mentioning 25 per cent decrease of the salary without any reason.

I rejected the memo until I received my service payment and other benefits of the past working period, and also refused to argue about it. Now I do not want to continue working and at the same time the company does not want to terminate my services but is forcing me to resign.

In these circumstances, is it possible to get my complete settlement if I submit my resignation? Can I get help from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour if I do not get my full indemnity?

YOUR company is breaking the law by decreasing your salary without acceptance by the employee. The Labour Law says that a person is entitled to half-a-month's salary for each year for the first five years of service and one month's wages for each year after five years. If you resign you'll get only half the benefits, that is 7.5 days counted from the original salary not from the decreased one.

Also you are not eligible for the notice period compensation. However you may have to give compensation to the company if you discontinue your services without working during the notice period. At least 15 days notice must be given on resigning from your job.

If you do not get your due indemnity you have the right to approach the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1978 on visa no. 20. In 1980 I transferred my visa to no. 18 and worked with a company for more than six years. The company closed down. I am now working for a semi-government firm and wish to transfer my residence but I was told that I cannot transfer from a private company to the government. Is it true, what is the other alternative?

YOU can go to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to check whether they agree or refuse. If your request at the ministry is rejected and you want to work with that company, you should make sure that the company provides you with the visa no. 18, in order to cancel your current permit with the semi-government establishment. Leave the country and come back to Kuwait with the new visa.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1982, working in a private company. Then I joined a ministry since a period of four and half years. My residence permit is still valid for another two and half years. I wish to resign then join a private company.

I want to know about the possibility of transferring my visa to no. 18. The new company is ready to provide me with the visa.

According to what you mentioned above, you can go to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to check on the transfer. It is up to the ministry to agree or refuse. If they do not agree you can cancel your visa and come back with new visa no. 18. But prior to that, make sure that the company is willing to provide you with visa no. 18.

I CAME to Kuwait on visa no. 18. I have resigned from my job. I want to join another Kuwaiti sponsor as a driver. Can I change my visa no. 18 to visa no. 20 without leaving Kuwait?

YOU have to go to the Immigration Department to change from visa no. 18 to visa no. 20. There is no problem you can change your visa no. 18, leave the country and come back with new visa no. 20.

I AM working in Kuwait on visa no. 18, since 1988, on a twelve hour shift. The company did not give me and the other 14 employees (six of them are only holders of visa no. 18, while the rest on visa no. 20) the four-hour overtime payment. In addition to that we do not have a work contract and other benefits such as sick leave. We are working in the basement of a house, where there are forty heavy duty machines and one printing press.

I want to know the following:

Do I have the right to take money for the remaining four hours as overtime without proof and other sick leave benefits?

Have I the right to ask for a work contract since my visa will expire on April, 1990?

Is there a law that the worker will be deported if he fights for his rights?

Is the company authorised by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to employ us to work in a basement and those holding visa no. 20 to work in a basement factory?

If this company is found violating the rules, can the authorities give us a chance to find another job?

YOU have the right to ask for the overtime payment (according to Kuwaiti Labour Law article 32/1964, or according to your work contract, if it was mentioned in it). But in your case you do not have a work contract so you can prove with witnesses that you have worked overtime.

There is no need in your case to ask for a work contract because the Kuwaiti labour law is a contract organising the relation between you and your employer.

There is no such thing in the law that employees will be deported if they fight for their rights.

Holders of visa no. 20 are not allowed to work like those holders of visa no. 18, which means the company is violating immigration rules. It is up to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to agree or refuse permission for change of job.

I CAME to Kuwait on visa no. 18 in 1984. Since that time I have transferred my work permit three times. My permit was last transferred before the new law was implemented, before March, 1989.

Am I eligible for a transfer though I have not completed three years?

Most of the employer give the ticket if he terminates the services of the employee?

What if an employee resigns and wants to go back home, must he pay for his own ticket or should the employer pay?

FIRST, if the worker has a work contract that mentions the employer should pay for the ticket, then there is no problem. If there was no contract and your services were terminated then the employer should pay for the ticket.

According to new labour regulations article 20-clause 2.3: if the labourer refuses to continue the employer's service during the period of contract, without having any legal right to do so, the labourer shall be held liable to bear his/her repatriation expenses. The labourer is held liable to the expenses if he resigns in a manner contradictory to the conditions stipulated in his/her contract or to the provision of the labour law.

IF a monthly paid employee works on a paid holiday, and he receives KD10 per day, what is the amount due to him for this particular day?

IF he works overtime of his own accord then the employer is not obliged to pay him overtime. If he specifically was asked by the employer to do it then he is eligible for overtime payment at 1-1/4 times the normal rate for work on ordinary days, 1-1/2 times the rate for the work on Fridays, and double the rate for work on official holidays.

I'M a Filipina working as a domestic helper. I want to know whether domestic helpers are covered by the Kuwaiti Labour Law? If they have a complaint should they go to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour or to court?

IT is mentioned in the Kuwaiti Labour Law No. 38/1964 Article 2, that domestic helpers are not covered by the law, since they are not working with the government or private sector but they are sponsored on a contractual basis with individuals or families in Kuwait.

Any maid who has a complaint or gets raped can go to the nearest police station. But in case she does not get her benefits under her contract after she and her sponsor do not reach a compromise then she can file a case in court.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1979, as a domestic helper. In 1988 I got a job in a private company with a KD140 monthly salary. My wife and two sons refused to come to Kuwait due to my wife's illness. Everyday I face trouble with housework and cooking. Subsequently, I go late to my office.

I want to marry another woman in Kuwait holding visa no. 18, who has been divorced by her husband in India. Can I marry this woman in Kuwait, as my wife agrees that I take a second wife? Can I know about the rules regarding my case?

YOU have not mentioned your religion. If you are a Muslim then you should go to the Palace of Justice and register your marriage. If you belong to another religion then you will have to find out the procedure applicable elsewhere.

IS it legal or illegal to work part-time either in the government or private sector?

Even, if there is such a law that quotes part-time jobs as illegal, why are people employed as part-timers, apart from their regular employment. There is no doubt that most of the government employees are holding part-time jobs.

IT is illegal to work part-time for private sector employees. Those working in the public sector are not allowed to work part time unless permission is received from the respective ministry.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1987 on visa no. 18. I worked with the company for six months, but the company did not provide me with accommodation and did not pay my salary. I stopped working and filed a case at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. Later on, it was transferred to court.

Since then, for more than one year and nine months, no decision has been taken. I'm still in Kuwait without residence. I have no friends who can provide my house rent and food. Is it possible for me to work in any other company at a time like this?

Please advise me on how to solve this problem?

YOU have no right to work as long as your visa has expired and your case is in the court.

But you can ask for compensation for the delay while your case is in progress.

I WORKED in a company from 22nd April, 1978. My services were terminated on 8th July, 1989.

What benefits am I entitled to, as final settlement under the new law?

I was getting sales commission for a period of 5 months (1984, Oct, Nov, Dec - 1985 Feb and Jan). Would this amount also be added along with my termination benefits?

THE Labour Law says that a person is entitled to half a month's salary for each year of the first five years of service and one month's wages for each year after five years. However commission is not considered.

IN the company I am working at, we are paid salary and overtime separately.

Assuming my monthly salary is KD150 and I have to be paid for over time for one official holiday in a particular month. The daily rate comes to KD5.770.

Assuming in that month I was not absent on any working day, I am paid KD150, through the salary sheet. Through the overtime sheet, how much overtime will I get? KD5.770 (i.e. single day's payment) KD11.540 (i.e. double day's payment)

The law states that a fifteen-day-wage should be paid for every year's service for the first five years, for example, salary is KD150 per month besides fifteen days are to be paid as follows: KD150 x 15 days divided by 30 days, which of the above two methods is correct?

FIRST, you will get overtime KD5.770 single day's payment. The fifteen day wage to be paid for every year's service in your case is KD150 x 15; divided by 26.

## Cabinet reviews development plan

### Kuwait-Egypt agreements discussed

KUWAIT, Sept 10, (Kuna): The weekly cabinet session held today, under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, listened to ministers' reports on their activities in the past week.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed told reporters that in the light of the Amiri guidances tabled during HH's meeting with the cabinet yesterday, the cabinet today completed discussing

aspects of the Amiri's visit to Cairo.

Rashed said that the Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi explained details of the agreements, work programmes and projects concluded between Egypt and Kuwait for co-operation in various economic, commercial, scientific, cultural, technical, educational and labour areas.

The agreements target co-ordinating and organizing the already existing co-operation

between the two countries to achieve the aspired-for results and goals, the minister elaborated.

#### Co-operation

Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khaled, on his part, briefed the cabinet on results of the fifth session for the Organisation of Islamic Conference's standing committee for economic and commercial co-operation which was held in Turkey last week.

Rashed said. He added that Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Abdullah Al Rqobah read out results of the first conference for the Islamic energy ministers that was also held recently in Turkey and aimed at exchanging expertise and data for the member countries common benefit in addition to fostering technical co-operation.

The cabinet also reviewed a draft decree on the formation of a Municipal Affairs Committee.

## Kuwait loves peace: Jaber

NICOSIA, Sept 10, (Kuna): Kuwait's Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah said Kuwait is a peace-loving country, rejects racism and strongly supports detente and human rights.

Sheikh Jaber, in an interview published in the latest issue of the Cyprus-based Al Sabah magazine, said Kuwait is for co-operation with all countries on the basis of mutual respect and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

Kuwait, he said, supports the Non-Aligned Movement and aspires for a further effective role for the movement in the various fields.

On the Lebanese crisis, Sheikh Jaber said Kuwait has declared its support to the Lebanese people time and again and stressed on concerted and intensive Arab efforts. The statements by His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier clearly reflect our stand on Lebanon, he added.

Kuwait, which chaired the six-member committee on Lebanon, strongly backs the efforts of the tripartite Arab committee aimed at bringing the 14-year-old conflict in Lebanon to a halt, he said.

The minister said that the tenth summit conference of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states will be held as scheduled.

He described the recent visit to Egypt by His Highness the Amir as fruitful, noting that talks focussed on bilateral Arab and international issues, particularly the foreign debts plaguing the Third World nations.

Speaking on Kuwait's information strategy, Sheikh Jaber said Kuwait co-ordinates with other GCC members in the information field to create a successful Gulf information activity.

The information minister noted that co-operation is underway presently between the Information Ministry and Kuwait University to establish an information section associated with the Faculty of Arts, hoping that study in this section would start by the next academic year.

## Paci introduces new info service

### Access to civil ID details

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times Staff

A NEW computerised inquiry service that allows the public to inquire about their Civil IDs through the telephone, was introduced yesterday by the Public Authority for Civil Information, (Paci).

Director-General of Paci, Faisal Al Shayji said that the Automated Inquiry Service will answer all questions from the public on a specific telephone number. The new service will be operated 18 hours daily from 7.30 am to 12.00 midnight. The service is bilingual, Shayji told a press conference held at the Paci headquarters. Arabic callers can ring telephone number 2661000 (12 lines) and English speaking people can call on Tel. 2663000 (6 lines). He said that the system will inform callers on the way to use the service.

The new computerised service has been totally indigenously designed. The service is expected to receive between 3,500-4,000 calls every day. A back-up system records the number of telephone calls received and also the details given to callers.

Shayji said that the aim of the new service is to provide the public with an easy service through the computer. He said that address changing is still done personally and not through the post because of difficulties in locating some addresses. But he hoped that this problem will be overcome and a change of address will be done through the post. He added that Paci will introduce serial numbers for all residential units during the next year and thus facilitate changing addresses through post.

Shayji said that till Saturday evening, Paci has recorded the



Faisal Al Shayji

population of Kuwait as 2,047,000. The authority issues about 400 new IDs daily and about 750,000 cards every year. He also said that as many as 1,500 applications are received by Paci through the special post service every day.

He announced that Paci will carry out a survey after three months to record the reactions and remarks of the public on the new service and also to study the possibility of introducing new services. Shayji said that the authority will complete its branches in Ahmadi and Jahra and its permanent headquarters within the coming three years.

The authority through its information centre calls the public in case their applications lack any necessary document. The use of the new computerised service is easy, Shayji said. After calling the specific telephone number in Arabic or English, the service will inform you to add the Civil ID number both from right or left and the service will provide the caller with information. These include validity of the ID, date of renewal, informing the caller to which Paci office he should go to collect the ID and others, Shayji said.

## From the courts

### Suspended sentence

THE Criminal Court sentenced a youth to five years in jail, but gave him the option of a suspended sentence on payment of a bail of KD200, a local daily reported.

The court was told that the youth had sex with his family's maid servant and when the victim threatened to tell his mother, the defendant stabbed her with a knife and then tried to burn her.

The defendant acknowledged that he did have sex with the girl, but claimed that she had agreed to the act.

### 5 years for attempted rape

THE Criminal Court sentenced another youth to five-years in jail for the attempted rape of the friend of his sister.

The court was told that the victim visited the house of the accused to see his sister. Though the sister was out of the house, the accused tricked her into entering the house by claiming that she was in and then sexually assaulted the victim.

The victim subsequently informed the police who arrested the accused.

### Jail terms for bootlegging

THE Criminal Court sentenced one woman to five years in jail and two men to three years each on charges of distilling and trading in liquor. All three are to be deported after completion of their respective sentences.

The court was told that the woman was the "mastermind" behind the operation and all three were caught red handed while they were selling alcohol.

The court held its session under the chairmanship of Judge Mohammed Sameer Murad and the membership of the Judges Mohammed Hani and Bader Al Houti and the presence of the Public Prosecution representative Nawaf Al Mutairi.

### Ten dud cheque cases

TEN cases of dud cheques were reported in Kuwait yesterday, according to the Ministry of Interior's Public Relations Department.

It added that the relevant cases were reported by the police stations of Murgah, Shuwaikh Industrial Area, Niqar, Salmiyah, Rumaythiya and Ahmadi.

## Air navigation training for 296 new students

DIRECTOR of the air navigation centre and communications, Jassem Mohammed Al Zanki stated that 296 students were accepted at the centre this year. Interviewed by a local daily, he added that the actual training of students will begin Sept 23, 1989.

The new organisational structure of the centre is already completed and a special committee will be formed to survey the local job market in relation to the market's requirements of manpower and specialties. He stressed that student graduates at the centre are guaranteed work in advance due to the centre's distinguished characteristics.

#### Stipends

Zanki added that the small number of accepted students prevent the centre from holding a larger number of training courses affecting the manpower market which suffers from scarcity of communications and air navigation graduates. He indicated that graduates are guaranteed jobs at government establishments and ministries after graduation.

Most graduates are appointed at the fifth grade and at some other specialties they will be provided with three increments. He said that all students trainees receive stipends during training at the centre valued at KD50 per month.

The centre has completed its organising structure to serve its objectives in improving and enhancing the training operation. Several future plans are designed to serve this purpose. Zanki said and added that such plans like developing teaching and training staff at the centre, developing training and academic programmes and improving teaching facilities will guarantee a more effective role in preparing students.

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## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE man who listens to reason is lost. Reason enslaves all whose minds are not strong enough to master her — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

## Chilling fear in Sri Lanka

Hundreds flee homes

NIGHTFALL in the small Sri Lankan fishing village of Wadduwa brings the sounds of gunshots, dogs barking and the soft footsteps of men — troops and rebels — stalking each other between the houses.

Morning reveals the corpses, some charred and burning on the narrow streets.

Villagers who have fled the once-quiet settlement 20 miles (30 km) south of the capital Colombo describe an atmosphere of terror, chilling even by the standards of a country that is wrapped in fear.

"People are so scared, they are even afraid to say 'Hello'. You don't know who you are talking to anymore," said a hospital worker who left Wadduwa with her three sons last week to live with her sister in Colombo.

"It's as if ghosts are walking around after dark. We heard people in our garden at night. We thought they were coming to kill us."

Hundreds of families have fled their homes to escape killings and counter-killings as soldiers battle leftwing rebels trying to overthrow the government.

Some 4,000 people have been forced to find safety in the jungles of the Indian Ocean island, according to Colombo-based human rights lawyers.

The hospital worker, who said she was afraid to be named, was more fortunate. Her sister and brother-in-law offered her sanctuary in their Colombo home, already packed with other family members from Wadduwa.

Her parents remain in the village.

The sister described a life of constant terror in Wadduwa where fearful parents hide their children from the Army, vigilante squads and rebels.

"Vehicles without number plates took boys away. Some did not return," she said.

She said the villagers themselves were joining in the carnage, killing each other to settle old scores.

"Nobody knows who is doing the killing any more."

She recounted an incident two months ago: "Dogs were barking, so my neighbours opened their door and shone their torches. They saw three soldiers hiding in trees."

The hospital worker added: "I could not sleep at night. We did not dare to put the light or television on. Even during the day we kept our sons inside the house."

Last week a dog was shot for barking at night. Now nobody keeps their dogs outside.

Only last year, evening life in Wadduwa was happy and unburied. Children played in the streets, or dangled fishing lines into the water. Families sat together watching television or did their daily shopping.

"Today we close all our windows and doors at night and just wait for morning," the sister said.

Rebels are active in all parts of Sri Lanka inhabited by the country's majority Sinhalese community but the area around Wadduwa has become one of the most frightening, according to Colombo residents.

Two weeks ago, 14 people were massacred near the village in apparent retaliation for the killing of a woman soldier and her family by rebels.

"We have no mental peace. How can you read or watch television when you find bodies burning outside your house in the morning?" asked the hospital worker.

When Sri Lanka's night curfew begins, Colombo's young and wealthy start to boogie and play the fruit machines.

"The curfew has been a godsend," said James Lindley, who runs the Ritz Casino, one of three operating in the city's luxury hotels.

"People come at the same time as before. But now they have to stay until four in the morning."

The government of the palm-fringed Indian Ocean island is in a desperate battle to crush leftwing rebels trying to overthrow it by calling strikes and killing soldiers and police. The death toll is mounting daily.

The government introduced a six-hour curfew in July as part of a nation-wide security operation which has netted thousands of rebel suspects.

But while Sri Lanka's poor live in fear of their lives, the more fortunate seem determined to enjoy themselves regardless.

"Profits have been 15 per cent up in the casino during the last five weeks," said Lindley, who has also run casinos in two of the world's other trouble spots — Iran and Lebanon.

"When people are nervous, they gamble to escape."

Most of the punters are local and expatriate Colombo residents, he said. Tourist spending on fruit machines, roulette and electronic card games was relatively small.

"A regular punter will be given a free room in the hotel," said Lindley. "He is an investment."

Turnover in the capital's other hotel casinos is also high, according to local businessmen.

A mile down the road from the Ritz in the Hilton Hotel's Blue Elephant Nightclub, a favourite with the city's youth, weekend activity is similarly frenzied.

"My country is going to the dogs," said a hostess with the state airline, Air Lanka. "But what to do? You have to enjoy yourselves."

The Hilton's general manager, Gamini Fernando, said bar takings at the club had held up during the curfew although the number of dancers was slightly down.

"When they come in at 10 o'clock, we have a captive audience until four. So, of course, they consume more." (Colombo — Reuters)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1499 — French forces take Milan, Italy, with little opposition.
- 1557 — Pope Paul IV makes peace with Philip II of Spain.
- 1697 — Prince Eugene of Savoy defeats Turks at Zenta, Hungary.
- 1814 — US forces capture British flotilla on Lake Champlain in America.
- 1830 — Republic of Ecuador is established and granted constitution by Colombia under which it is to be part of Confederation of Colombia.
- 1840 — British bombard Beirut to force Mehmet Ali to submit.
- 1860 — Victor Emmanuel, king of Sardinia, invades papal states.
- 1922 — British mandate in Palestine is proclaimed while Arabs declare day of mourning.
- 1945 — Japan's former Premier Hideki Tojo attempts suicide, but recovers and later is executed as war criminal.
- 1962 — Soviet Union warns that any US attack on Cuban or on Soviet ships bound for Cuba would mean war.
- 1967 — Indian and Chinese troops clash in border area in the Himalayas.
- 1973 — Chile's President Salvador Allende Gossens is deposed in military coup, and military officials say he committed suicide rather than surrender.
- 1978 — At least 20 dead and 100 wounded are reported in gun battles between Nicaraguan troops and rebels intent on toppling President Anastasio Somoza.
- 1987 — Chad and Libya announce truce in territorial war after eight months of fighting.

## 'Stop blind support'

Israel's brutal repression raises questions

"WE here in the United States are trying to convey to the American-Jewish community that American Jews can no longer go on blindly supporting Israel regardless of whether it is wrong or right. What we are saying is that we are not serving Israel's interests by continuing in this line. We have to come up with new ideas and new approaches." These words, spoken by an eminent American Jew, Dr Alon Ben-Meir, reflects a new, forward-looking attitude that is beginning to emerge from a growing number of Jewish-American thinkers.

The involvement of American Jews, and by extension the US government, in Israeli affairs cannot be underestimated. The Jewish-American community has provided Israel with unflinching political and economic support for decades. Amounts raised by private groups alone are estimated at more than \$3 billion annually, and observers outside the Jewish-American community have often criticised what appears as visceral, blind and unquestioning support for the Jewish state. Criticism from within the community was rarely heard.

But times are changing. Israel's brutal repression of the Palestinian uprising — intifada — has raised some fundamental questions about Israel's 21-year-old occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to some 2.5 million Palestinians. Over 500 Palestinians have died since the uprising began in December 1987; a third of the victims have been children. The Israel that could do no wrong is suddenly seen in a different light, and American-Jewish intellectuals have begun to reassess their thinking about the conflict and how it can be brought to an end.

Ben-Meir, a doctor of philosophy and political science, is one of the pioneers of this new thinking and now heads "Americans for Peace in the Middle East," a recently formed group of Jewish academics and politicians whose aim is to promote ideas on the most realistic ways of attaining peace. But "academics are more inclined than politicians to think that the Palestinians have a right to an entity of their own," the 52-year-old Ben-Meir pointed out.

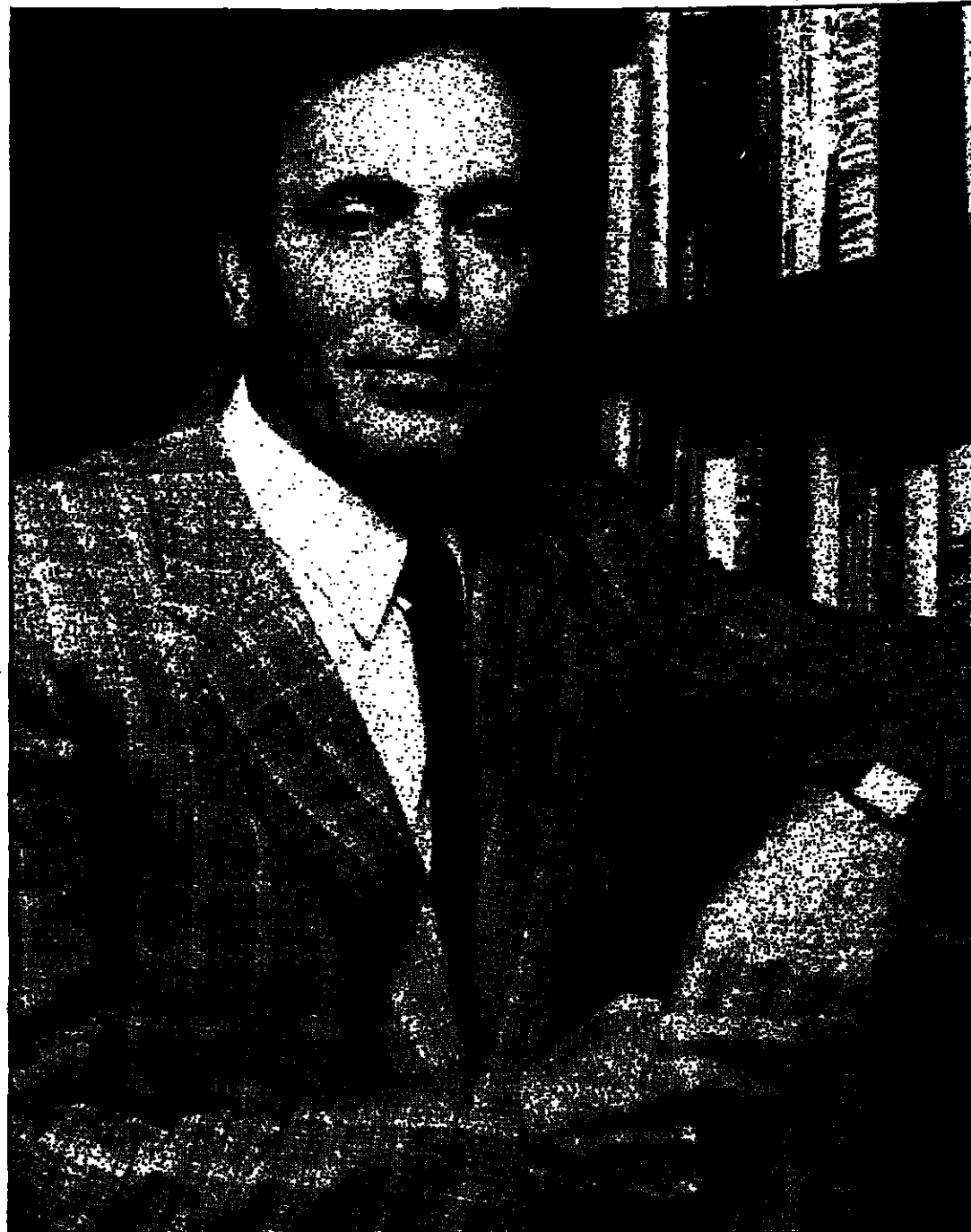
Born in Baghdad, Ben-Meir, who speaks fluent Arabic as well as Hebrew, moved with his family to Israel shortly after its creation in 1948. He grew up there, served in the Israeli Army and studied journalism at Tel Aviv University. As a young graduate, he went on to Oxford University in England to read philosophy before moving to Washington, DC, where he earned a doctoral degree in political science. In his doctoral thesis, titled "The Middle East: Imperatives and Choices" and published in 1975, Ben-Meir outlined some of the major points that, he says, to this day constitute what he believes to be a realistic approach to solving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Speaking during a recent interview in this New York office, Ben-Meir pointed to what he called "irrevocable factors on the ground," meaning realities that can no longer be ignored and that, he believes, must be defined, accepted and "institutionalized." There is no doubt in Ben-Meir's mind that the Palestinians have a right to a state of their own (though he avoids the loaded term "state" and prefers the vaguer word "entity") and that, sooner or later, like it or not, this will be established as the only way of achieving peace. "Israel cannot be eliminated, nor can the Palestinians, that is the reality. Regardless of whether Israel has the right to the West Bank from a historical perspective, Zionism will have to settle for something less. Both sides will have to be satisfied with what there is: Israel with part of the biblical land, and the Palestinians with part of Palestine," he says bluntly.

One of the "realities" that Israel will have to face once the Palestinian "entity" has been established is the fact that it will continue to be surrounded by Palestinians — in neighbouring Jordan, on the West Bank, in the Gaza Strip, in Lebanon. Ben-Meir believes that although many Palestinians have aspirations to repatriation, the population distribution is not likely to change drastically. "There will always be a Palestinian minority in Israel and there will always be a minority of Jews living in the Palestinian entity," he said.

This is linked in Ben-Meir's mind to another of those realities that will have to be confronted if the peace process is to succeed: the question of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. "Israel will not relinquish the settlements; neither a Labour nor a Likud government could do that," he said referring to the two main political parties in Israel. He added that the Palestinians will simply have to consider the Jews living in those settlements as part of the minority that will continue to live in their midst.

To Ben-Meir, Palestinian-Israeli interaction is the cornerstone on which co-existence between the two peoples will be built. "No matter how peace is established, the socio-economic inter-relationship between Palestinians and Israelis will have to be maintained. Above all, if there is a commitment to actually live in peace, a long period of transition will be needed not only as a confidence-building phase



Dr Alon Ben-Meir: new attitude

but also to build necessary safety valves. The interests of both sides in terms of economics and security are so profound, so important, that it would be in neither side's interest to (endanger) the relationship. If peace is the underlying factor, there will be nothing to stop the mechanism of co-existence. After all, Arabs and Jews lived together for thousands of years in peace; it will have to happen again," he stressed.

Ben-Meir believes that there is a solution to another problem that has plagued would-be peacemakers for years: the status of Jerusalem. Both sides lay claim to the holy city in a bitter rivalry heavy with religious, emotional, symbolic and political meaning. "You won't find many Jews, be they from the left, right or centre, who would be prepared to give up Jerusalem. But there is a solution that could satisfy the Palestinians: they could have their own borough, with complete independence in running their own religious and cultural affairs," he suggests.

The American scholar says that another essential key to the establishment of peace lies in the hands of Syria, whose part in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is, he notes, often neglected or underestimated. Syria is an important player in the regional conflict because part of its territory — the Golan Heights — was annexed by Israel during the six-day war in 1967, along with the West Bank in Gaza; because of its influence over several factions of the Palestine Liberation Organisation; and because of its presence in Lebanon. Ben-Meir is aware that there can be no peace without Syria. "Syria is in a position to torpedo any kind of agreement," Ben-Meir says. "The sooner Israel, the United States and the Palestinians themselves involve Syria in the process, the fewer hurdles and problems there will be."

Ben-Meir has come up with a possible solution to the Golan Heights problem: "Syria considers this as part of its territory and it will not relinquish (its claim). At the same time, peace would have to prevail for decades before Israel would even contemplate returning such (strategic) territory. Syria could establish its national domain over the Golan and even fly the Syrian flag there, which would

satisfy its psychological needs, and Israel could lease the territory and retain control of it, which would satisfy its security preoccupations."

Ben-Meir has been promoting ideas like these in articles, lectures and symposia in the United States and Israel. He believes they are making some headway among Jews in the United States and in Israel as well. "I feel there is a growing consensus in Israel toward recognising two important factors: one, that the Palestinian national aspirations have some degree of legitimacy; and two, that whether the Israelis like it or not, the PLO does represent the Palestinian people and there will be no solution until Israel recognizes these facts formally and officially," he said.

In Ben-Meir's analysis, the Israelis therefore have some way to go toward meeting the Palestinians before any major move in the direction of peace can be made. At the same time, Ben-Meir notes, the Palestinians must also make concessions. "Without giving much more than what it has already given, the PLO should formally renounce its charter. Psychologically, this would have a big impact on the Israelis," he said. The PLO charter, which calls for the destruction of the state of Israel, has already been called "obsolete" by PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Ben-Meir also advocates a change of strategy on the part of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza: "Stop the stone-throwing and overt violence and instead organize massive political demonstrations, day in, day out: the Israelis will not shoot at peaceful demonstrators. This would help considerably because the problem is that Israel is still not convinced that the Palestinians want peace. If this did not work, they could always resume the stone-throwing."

Ben-Meir is convinced, however, that the dynamic of peace is in motion and that it cannot be stopped. "If the Likud (Israel's ruling rightwing party) does not proceed, then a new government will have to come in its place. It is only a question of time before a majority in Israel feels that a solution must be found and that ruling the Palestinians is no longer a viable option." (New York — WNL)

Art Buchwald

## Fat cat student

COLLEGE tuitions are going through the roof. Latest reports indicate it now costs \$21,000 to send your loved one for a year to any respectable institution in the United States.

It is not the end of high tuition raises but rather the beginning.

Most educational experts predict that by 1995 the tariff for an average 150-pound male student or a 110-pound female student will be \$1 million a year, not counting admission to basketball games. Who will be the lucky students? Young people whose parents have made a killing in Time-Life-Warner Brothers stock or who own six or seven skyscrapers in a rezoned Central Park.

I asked Meyer Damloff, a Regis Professor of Matriculation at Ivy League Normal, why tuitions were rising so fast. He replied: "All the universities in America are looking for a better class of student, and the only way we can get it is to raise the price of admission. We're tired of the grungy, unkempt, badly mannered student of the past, and the only way to get rid of them is to raise the rates. As the midget who sat on J.P. Morgan's lap once said 'If you have to ask what college costs, then you can't afford it.'"

"Won't schools become boring if only rich kids can attend them?"

"They will at first, but pretty soon the students will get used to being with their own kind, and you will have a country club atmosphere that most schools at the moment seem to lack."

"Is there any way that middle-class students can find the wherewithal to attend college?"

"Of course. You don't think our society would keep them out just because they can't afford to go?"

"How can they do it?"

"They can buy a state lottery ticket, and if they win the lucky jackpot they can go to any school of their choice. But they have to pick all eight numbers before the registrar will accept them."

He continued, "The main advantage to the schools raising tuition is that they get a fat cat student who will eventually give to the alumni fund. The downside is that if it gets too expensive to go to college, fathers and mothers will not know what to do with their offspring when they reach 18 years of age. Parents in the past could get rid of their children without looking cruel by sending them to college. Now the children will have every excuse to stay in the house forever."

I said, "Without intending to, the colleges are making life miserable for the parents of middle- and lower-class kids."

"It's a difficult problem, but there is nothing you can do about it. There was always the fear that America would eventually price itself out of higher education. This is as good a time as ever."

"Will the students who pay the top-of-the-line fee get a better education?"

"I don't see why they should. We're not saying all parents have to come up with the tuition or else. All we're saying is that if a student chooses to become an airline pilot for a drug cartel just because he can't afford school we are not to blame."

"Will you guarantee tuition is not going to rise more in just a few years?"

"When it comes to education, nobody can predict the future. But I'll bet Pete Rose anything that it isn't going to go down." (LATS).

## Quote me

"I'm going to be a victim of injustice let me be with an injustice in America!" — Elizabeth Morgan said on Monday, in an interview on being jailed for civil contempt of court in a child custody case.

"I think that someone who doesn't enjoy the sport wouldn't be on the court anymore. If it wasn't for the sport I would be doing something else. I like it very much. If it didn't show, I feel good about what I'm doing." — US Open champion Steffi Graf after winning Martina Navratilova's observation that Graf doesn't appear to enjoy tennis.

"Americans are bound to be the target of more attacks across the globe because the US administration is making concessions to terrorists." — Lebanese Christian leader, Gen. Michel Aoun on US allowing Syria to annex Lebanon.

"We are completely puzzled about what could have caused Friday's crash. Not even a full stop of both engines would have prevented the pilots from starting emergency calls and carrying out emergency landing." — Steinar Skauen, technical chief of Partnair, the Norwegian charter company that owned the plane, on the cause of the crash.

"Every human being is different. Some prefer when there are important points to play, others prefer 40-love. I prefer when it is break point down." — Boris Becker discussing pressure after beating Aaron Krickstein to reach the US Open final.

"We cannot live with hyperinflation. If we do not manage to fight it down, social unrest is inevitable." — Labour Minister-designate Jozsef Kuroon on the need to control hyperinflation in Poland.

"It's hard to stop her once she gets going. I have to just catch her on a day when she's not serving out of her mind, but that may never happen. I just have to make it happen one way or another." — Navratilova on her loss to Steffi Graf.

"Our leadership, presidency and the authorities will continue the path of Imam (Khomeini), and the cry for 'Death to America' forever rings throughout our holy land." — The Iranian Majlis (parliament) on a call by US congressmen to overthrow the Islamic regime in Iran.

## Boredom dominates glacier war

A BIZARRE war being fought on the world's highest battlefield is noted more for boredom than bombs.

"Utterly miserable... and so boring, you have no idea," said an Indian soldier describing a three-month tour of duty at the 7,000 metre (21,000 feet) high front line on the Siachen Glacier.

"This is a very silly war, complete rubbish," said a senior officer at the Indian Army's base camp under the nose of the glacier at 3,700 metres (11,400 feet). "But this is the Army. We are told to fight, so we fight."

Even Major-General V.R. Raghavan, the Army commander, jokes that an Indian mountaineer who spends 20 minutes atop a 7,000 metre mountain gets the country's highest award while a soldier who spends three months at this front in the middle of winter is rewarded with a bar of chocolate.

More than 3,000 Indian troops face a similar number of Pakistanis along the Saltoro Mountains that command the Siachen Glacier, at 76 km (48 miles) the second longest glacier in the world outside the Polar regions.

The obscure war over the glacier, in the northeastern part of the disputed Kashmir region, began in 1984 when Indian troops moved in.

Raghavan told foreign reporters during a recent trip to Siachen that territory claimed by India had started turning up in alphas as lying within Pakistan.

The commander argued that Indian claims to the Siachen region stemmed from agreements that established a line of control in Kashmir after two wars. Two-thirds of Kashmir is administered by

India, and the rest by Pakistan.

The two countries began talks in June on the disengagement of their forces from the glacier. The talks centred on a plan to withdraw troops to positions held earlier without affecting claims to the Siachen territory, which was left undemarcated in a UN sponsored 1949 ceasefire agreement covering most of Kashmir.

"The sooner they get it done the better," said one soldier of two rounds of talks that have so far failed to determine what those positions were. "Get us out of here before winter."

His chances appear slim with winter approaching rapidly.

"As you can see everybody is quite dug in for another winter," Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto told reporters during a trip to Siachen last month shortly after the second round of abortive talks.

So it will be back to temperature down to minus 50 degrees Centigrade (minus 58 Fahrenheit) at the highest Indian posts, where soldiers use blowtorches and stoves to keep their guns from freezing up during the day and sleep with them at night.

Back to routine shovelling so they are not buried alive by snowfalls, maintaining rope lines so patrols can move around and digging more caves under six metres (20 feet) of ice as protection against shells.

Back to retrieving supplies, including oxygen, dropped by parachute, trying to fight off frostbite.

"Housework," one officer called it, to fight off the excruciating boredom. "Everything in this war happens very slowly. It is quite unbelievably boring most of the time."

Remote though it is, the Siachen Glacier is

strategically important with its valley leading into Indian Kashmir.

Occasionally, one side will mount an operation to occupy a lump of rock and ice that would give it an advantage over the other and fighting flares up.

The last time was in April and May, when the Indians tried to occupy a point they thought a Pakistani objective.

Commanders met after heavy fighting and agreed to leave it empty.

That was only the second time commanders had met, Indian officers said. The first was in 1987, when Pakistani bodies were handed back after a bloody battle for one of the three passes into the Siachen Glacier's valley.

Mostly, the war consists of artillery exchanges, with the Indians using some of the Bofors guns the government bought from Sweden for \$1.3 billion, a deal which involved Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's administration in repeated charges of corruption.

Raghavan said all the initiative lay with his troops, who looked down on Pakistani positions and could correctly aim, while Pakistani artillery fired blind over sharp, high ridges.

"They are punishable by us whenever necessary," he said.

Other officers said that, like everything else about the war, it wasn't as easy as that.

"The thin air makes a difference to trajectory and distance, so does the temperature. And (weather) conditions are never the same twice, so the data you gained yesterday is no use today," said one.

He wouldn't admit Indian artillery rarely hit anything, but said: "It is very, very difficult."



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Fresh move to ease jobless problem

## Jordan seeks new outlets

AMMAN, Sept 10, (Reuters) Jordan — an exporter of college graduates but an importer of truck drivers, bakers and domestic servants — is tackling its employment problem at both ends of the scale under the pressure of economic difficulties.

Labour Minister Jamal Al Bdeir has sent a number of Arab countries draft accords intended to ease the movement of Jordanians seeking work abroad.

"This draft proposal is one of our new efforts to ease the problem of unemployment," he told Reuters yesterday.

"Of course, there are other complementary moves on the local scene to replace some of the foreign workers with Jordanians after we give them vocational training to hold such jobs."

Unemployment is a structural problem in Jordan, a country of three million people. Doctors, engineers and other profes-

sionals seek in vain for local jobs already filled but there is a shortage of people wanted for menial tasks.

In 1988, 32,000 of the 50,000 job-seekers registered by the Labour Ministry and the Civil Service Commission held university or community college degrees, Bdeir said.

Hundreds of thousands of Jordanians were drawn to Gulf in the oil boom of the 1970s. More than 328,000 now work in Gulf Co-operation Council countries — equal to more than half the number of Jordanians employed in Jordan.

On the other hand, around 120,000 foreigners work in Jordan, most of them in low-paid menial jobs. The majority are from Egypt, but others come from Syria, India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

They arrived in large numbers when aid from the Arab oil states gave Jordan a decade of prosperity that is now ended.

Since a run on foreign reserves forced a

40 percent devaluation of the dinar against the dollar, Jordanian wages are not nearly so attractive to foreign workers and the government is looking for ways to save on foreign exchange.

The authorities have stopped renewing work permits for foreigners who can be replaced by local labour and more than doubled its charges for the permits of those allowed to stay.

Bdeir said 2,511 foreigners driving lorries between Iran and the port of Aqaba could be replaced by Jordanians, as could 13,000 foreign domestic servants.

Bakeries, needlecraft industries and the care of the elderly were all fields in which training of local labour could reduce the need for foreigners, he said.

These efforts are accompanied by a more realistic appraisal of Jordan's unemployment problem. Government figures have long been far out of line with those of

private economists who say at least 17 per cent of Jordanians are out of work.

Bdeir said registered job-seekers numbered 55,000 in the first half of 1989, compared with 50,000 last year. In a local work force of 570,000 that would represent an unemployment figure of 9.3 per cent, substantially higher than the Labour Ministry has acknowledged in the past.

Bdeir's proposals for boosting Jordanians' job opportunities in other Arab states do not apply to its partners in the Arab Co-operation Council — Egypt, North Yemen and Iraq — because similar conditions have already been settled.

The minister said he had already received a positive response to the draft accord from Qatar, which is linked in the Gulf Co-operation Council with Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.



Picture above shows from left to right: Vijay Mittal, Financial Consultant Ltd. president Kamlesh Gandhi, Pasupati Acrylon Ltd. managing director Mukesh Jain and Hindustan Breweries and Bottling Ltd. chairman and managing director Vijay Jain.

## Indian firm offers shares

PASUPATI Acrylon Ltd., (Pal), an Indian company of the Jain Group, is offering Non-Resident Indians 2.28 million equity shares of Rs10 each for cash at par, aggregating to Rs22.8 million, for the company's Rs1,000 million project to manufacture 12,000 tonnes per annum of acrylic fibre at Thakurdwara in Uttar Pradesh.

Addressing a press conference in Kuwait recently held at Meridian Hotel, Mukesh Jain, managing director of the com-

pany, said this part of a larger offer aggregating to Rs108 million is being made by issue of a prospectus wherein preferential allotments of Rs5 million each are proposed to be made to the Unit Trust of India and Canbank Mutual Fund, besides employees of the company.

"The investment by NRIs will be with full repatriation facilities," he said. The plant is being set up in collaboration with SNIA BPD of the Fiat Group of

Italy. SNIA, apart from providing the latest technology, is also supplying major equipment and machineries as also participating in equity capital to the tune of \$500,000.

Pal is promoted by the Jain Group under the stewardship of Jain, a technocrat. The group is already well established in the field of steel tubes, paper and aluminium products, yarn, textiles, breweries and export-import trade.

## World crude supply jumps

PARIS, Sept 10, (Kuna): World oil supply in August, outside communist countries, was estimated at 52.7 million barrels a day (MBD) representing an increase of 0.5 MBD compared with July, according to the end-August oil market report released by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

The increase in August was mainly attributed to higher production from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), which output rose to 21.6 MBD, compared with 21.4 MBD in July.

Iran accounted for the 0.2 MBD rise with an average production of 2.8 MBD from 2.6 MBD.

Iraq has started pumping its oil through Saudi Arabia, IEA said.

The pipeline, with a capacity of 11.65 MBD, once in full operation is expected to replace the current 0.5 MBD of Iraqi oil that goes through the Saudi trans-Arabian pipeline, for a net addition of 1.15 MBD, the agency added.

**Oil income**

■ CARACAS, Sept 10, (Opecna): Venezuelan oil revenues fetched about \$4.95 billion in net foreign exchange during the first half of 1989, an increase of \$1.4 billion over the same period last year.

**Energy and Mines Minister**

Dr Celestino Armas described the performance of the oil industry as efficient and in line with the country's international commitments. He stressed that improvement in oil prices was also a key element in the growth of the national oil income.

**Pricing formula**

■ JAKARTA, Sept 10, (Opecna): Indonesia will shortly adopt a new pricing formula for its petroleum exports to Japan, according to Mines and Energy Minister Gimsandjar Kartasumita.

Briefing the press, Gimsandjar said talks on the new formula were now taking place with representatives of the Japanese importers of Indonesian crude oil and gas.

**Oil co-operation**

■ BAGHDAD, Sept 10, (Kuna): The oil and mineral wealth ministers of Arab Co-operation Council states will hold a meeting here next October, Radio Baghdad said today.

During the three-day meeting talks will tackle fields of oil co-operation, exchanging expertise, and implementing joint oil projects, the radio added.

**Oil pipeline**

■ ADEN, Sept 10, (Reuters): South Yemen will start pumping oil through a Soviet-built pipeline by the end of the year, a Yemeni official said today.

Mubarak Ba-Mahmoud, head of exploration at the Oil Ministry, said 180 km (110 miles) of the 200-km (130-mile) pipeline from the North-eastern Shabwah region to an export terminal on the Gulf of Aden had been laid.

**New contract**

■ LOS ANGELES, Sept 10, (UPI): Occidental Petroleum Corp. said Thursday its Occidental Eastern Unit has signed a revised production sharing contract in the South China Sea that greatly increases its exploration area.

Occidental said its new contract with the China Offshore Oil Co. has added a 1.6-million-acre (640,000-h) contract area that is contiguous to a 357,000-acre (142,800-h) contract area where Occidental recently tested its Lufeng 22-1-2 appraisal well at a rate of 11,233 barrels of 34 degree API gravity oil per day.

Indian rupee	18.110
Sri Lankan rupee	7.840
Pakistani rupee	14.460
Bangladesh taka	9.280
US dollar	30220
Pound sterling	46575
Deutsche mark	15150
UAE dirham	08225
Japanese yen	0020640

## Opec could achieve higher crude prices

Growing economic upturn predicted

LONDON, Sept 10, (Kuna): A major British advisory trade organisation has said that over the past couple of decades the world's "oil" and "money" have become virtually synonymous with the Middle East.

The committee for the Middle East Trade, (Comet) the British Overseas Trade Board's consultancy group for the Middle East, indicated that in 1980 the region was producing over one third of the world's total crude oil output, and its combined oil revenues peaked at nearly \$220 billion.

A 50-page report on the subject of "Oil export and revenue prospects of the main Middle East producers," just published by Comet, also suggested that with the fall in oil prices the "oil world" demand these revenues declined to less than one third of the peak total.

This trend has directly affected the economies of the oil exporting countries and caused growing concern to their foreign suppliers.

However, it stressed that the Middle East still remains one of the world's major market areas, importing in 1988 more than 583

billion from the advanced Western European countries.

The report examined the developments which culminated in the 1986 oil price collapse, and considers the key factors affecting future export and revenue prospects.

Comet said these include the overall level of world economic activity, "the relative attractiveness of different forms of primary energy, the relative attractiveness of different sources of oil supply, and the ability of Opec to improve its share of world energy demand."

After looking at some of the assumptions on which forecasts for future levels of oil demand and oil prices are based, the report gives an indication of the possible timescale over which changes in the oil market might take place, both in the short and longer-term, up to the year 2000.

It also examines briefly the efforts which the Middle East oil producing countries have made to overcome the temporary decline in their oil earnings.

The report concludes that although prices can be expected

to remain volatile in the short-term, from the mid-1990s onwards, Opec could achieve higher and more stable prices for oil, and this should benefit in particular the major Middle East oil exporters, with well over 60 per cent of the remaining oil reserves.

This in turn could be expected to lead to a growing upturn in economic activity in the area, with a corresponding impact on the prospects for firms interested in continuing to trade or to invest.

Comet made it clear that the Middle East countries collectively and in particular the Gulf producers, can expect to become even more dominant within Opec, since their oil reserve position, with the single exception of Venezuela, is so much more

But the group believed that this would put on the producers in the area a heavy responsibility in policy terms, especially should they have suddenly to face a situation similar to that of 1979-80, which threatened the supply of Gulf oil and resulted in the

damaging second round of price rises.

Meanwhile, the report said that the influence over prices and therefore over future levels of earnings which this power conferred could also have wider financial consequences.

"With much of their own infrastructure investment already completed, the Gulf states could once again generate surplus revenue on a significant scale, but much would depend on how they choose to invest this surplus."

"More investment within the region could be an important factor in achieving greater political security, and a more general improvement in standards of living, all of which would increase economic activity in the area."

The trade group underscored that whatever may happen within Opec, the Arab Gulf states are conscious of their common regional interest, as exemplified not only by the various Arab development funds they have established, but also by the formation in 1981 of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

## Iraq offers incentives

BAGHDAD, Sept 10, (Reuters): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi has announced incentives for the private sector to run the country's petrol stations and gas distribution centres.

He told the Iraqi News Agency the ministry would sell its tanker and gas cylinder trucks to operators of petrol stations and gas centres.

The value of the vehicles, as well as part of the price of oil products and rent for premises, could be paid in instalments, he said.

Until two years ago, when Iraq launched economic and administrative reforms, all fuel stations and gas centres were owned and run by the Oil Ministry.

Chalabi said private companies would be allowed to build new fuel stations and the ministry would extend free technical assistance.

Meanwhile, Iraq has started pumping its oil through the newly completed second phase of a twin pipeline across Saudi Arabia, the Saudi newspaper Al Nadwa has reported.



New branch office  
The Oman Exchange Co. Ltd. opened its fourth branch this week near the Sheraton Hotel, Fahd Salem Street.

## Japanese in race for alternatives to ozone-destroying CFC

TOKYO, Sept 10, (Reuters): Lured by potentially huge rewards, Japanese companies have thrown themselves into the race to discover alternatives to the CFC chemicals blamed for breaking down the earth's protective ozone layer.

"The United States and Europe seem more advanced, but Japanese companies are frantically and earnestly competing to win the race," a spokesman for the Japan Chlorofluorocarbon Association said.

The winners will be able to dominate the market and enjoy huge profits, he said.

Specifically, they are targeting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) used in cleaning agents for electronic and computer equipment and in coolants to draw off the heat which is created in refrigerators and air-conditioners.

CFCs are said by many scientists to destroy the ozone layer which protects the earth from cancer-causing ultraviolet rays.

They are also believed to contribute to the "greenhouse effect" — the warming of the earth's atmosphere which could bring about disastrous climatic changes.

In Japan, CFC makers themselves are leading the charge to develop alternatives.

"Although neither makers nor users of CFCs look aggressive on the surface, they are staging a behind-the-scenes cut-throat battle," said an official for Daikin Industries, Japan's second largest CFC producer.

"Under a thin veneer every company is a fierce predator," he added.

Asahi Glass, Japan's largest CFC producer, plans to set aside around 22.5 billion yen (\$160 million) for research and development on alternatives over the next few years, company director Yoshio Konishi said.

The money will be spent mainly on possible alternatives containing hydrogen, which offsets the negative effect on the atmosphere on the chlorine the compounds also contain.

The company has already spent around eight billion yen (\$55 million) to develop CFC alternatives, Konishi said.

"If you want to succeed, you need to have annual sales of at least one trillion yen (\$7 billion) because costs for research, development, and production are enormous," he said.

"In this sense, natural selection will operate and only a limited number of companies will survive in the end."

The Japanese government plans to spend 5.6 billion yen (\$40 million) itself over five years starting from April 1990 to explore chemical alternatives to CFCs.

"Co-operative competition in one form or another will help us save the environment, no matter which company hits the jackpot," a Ministry of International Trade and Industry official said.

E. I. Du Pont de Nemours of the United States is the biggest rival to Japanese CFC makers.

Du Pont plans to spend \$45 million on research and development of CFC alternatives in 1989 alone and an additional \$1 billion for the next 10 years, said a spokesman for Du Pont Japan. Du Pont's wholly owned Japanese unit.

"Alternatives to CFCs are not as efficient as those compounds being restricted, and require redesigning of existing systems," the Du Pont Japan spokesman said.

Japan's major electronics makers and auto makers are less enthusiastic about the switch from CFCs than are the chemical firms, industry sources said.

Most electronics and auto leaders, including Toyota Motor and Matsushita Electric Industrial, are committed to phasing out CFCs by the mid-1990s. But those companies must go through financial and technological pangs in shifting to new systems.

"For semiconductor makers, it is not that easy to go without CFCs because the costs to install new facilities are tremendous," an industry source said.

## Kuwait trading volume surges

KUWAIT Stock Exchange Index recorded 974 points at the close of trading on Wednesday, Aug 30, showing an increase of 12 points from the previous month. Trading of shares in August was characterised by an increase in the prices, quantity of shares traded and its value. Over 97.86 million shares were traded during August and increase of 156 per cent from the previous month.

The value of these shares was KD30.95 million also recording an increasing of 119 per cent over the previous month. 1,869 deals were reported during the last month, an increase by 88.3 per cent over the month of July.

The trading including shares of 35 companies, of which prices of shares of 24 companies increased, while prices of 10 others dropped and prices of shares of one company remained constant.

The average daily trading during the same month was 4.66 million shares valued at KD1.47 million. An average of 89 deals were held daily.

The banking sector topped the list of trading concerning the number of shares, its value and also number of deals made. Over 45.66 million shares of banks were traded representing 46.6 per cent of all shares traded in August.

The value of banks shares traded was over KD25.82 million, representing 83.4 per cent of the value of all shares traded during the month. Banks were followed by the non-Kirwadi companies which traded about 27 million shares representing 27.57 per cent of all shares, valued at KD872,000.

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## Gulf Bank weekly market review

Based on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was lower against the dollar ending the week at 300.95 fils compared with its week before last closing of 298.75 fils. The KD was higher against the pound sterling, ending the week at 465.96 fils compared with its week before last closing of 466.80 fils.

The KD was higher against the DM ending the week at 151.96 fils compared with its week before last closing of 152.07 fils. The KD was also higher against the SFR ending the week at 176.10 fils compared with its week before last closing of 176.27 fils, according to Gulf Bank weekly market report.

The KD was easier against the Jordanian Dinar ending the week at 436.15 fils compared with its week before last closing of 415.51 fils. The KD was slightly easier against most other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As to the KD money market, short-term interbank rates traded easier over the week. One-month interbank rates traded over the week within 8.43 per cent - 8.56 per cent range compared with 8.50 per cent - 8.56 per cent range the week before last. While 3-month interbank rates traded within 8.50 per cent - 8.62 per cent range compared with 8.50 per cent - 8.68 per cent range the week before last. Rates for longer periods traded also easier within a relatively similarly narrow range of 8.56 per cent - 8.62 per cent for 6 and 12 months respectively.

**World stock markets**

Wall Street stock prices moved lower for most part of the week. The US stock prices were further depressed by Morgan Stanley & Co (a major Wall Street brokerage house) partial liquidation which triggered sell programmes by others. In its investment Prospective publication, Morgan Stanley and Co. recommended that institutional clients liquidate 10 per cent of their equity holdings. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2752 points and closed at 2710, recording a loss of 42.09 points over the previous week's closing of 2752.09.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange last week also traded mixed although it moved lower in the mid part of the week as shares tracked Wall Street stocks, due to heavy programme selling. However, share prices moved higher later in the week. The FTSE-100 opened the week at 2419.2 points and closed at 2423.9 recording a gain of 36 points over the previous week's close of 2387.9.

**US dollar**

The dollar over the week traded mixed. Although overall the dollar continued to strengthen against major currencies. Remarks of a senior US Federal Reserve Board official who said current dollar levels were not affecting trade balances, triggered extensive dollar buying as the market was looking for incentives for purchasing dollars. With the dollar's continued strength most European banks jointly over the week sold dollars at several levels, such a move was the first since almost a month ago when the dollar rose then above the key 1.90 mark level to over 1.930 marks.

However, the dollar lost some of its grounds — temporarily — in the latter part of the week due to several factors mainly on technical correction and profit taking, foreign central banks intervention and finally on speculation that the W. German central bank might raise its key interest rates at its council meeting.

**Pound sterling**

The pound opened the week against the dollar at \$1.5380/90 and closed lower at \$1.5370/80, compared to its week before last closing of \$1.5558/68. The British pound continued to fall against the dollar despite continuous European Central Bank intervention to stop the dollar rise, and Bank of England in its continuous efforts to support the pound has kept the money market tight. Accordingly, money market rates have been rising over the week.

UK consumer credit for the month of July dropped to £3.23 billion from £3.46 billion a month earlier and as compared to £2.88 billion for the month of July 1988. Retail sales for the month of July also dropped by 0.5 per cent from the month of June. With economic data expected to be released over the coming week, we expect the pound to trade within its current range of 1.534-1.538 dollars.

**Japanese yen**

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 146.75/85 yen and closed the week lower at 147.20/30 yen compared to its week before last closing at 145.90/00 yen. Despite of Bank of Japan's continued intervention in the money market to stop the yen's fall against the dollar the yen remained weak for all part of the week. Apparently, Bank of Japan is considering other measures (besides intervention) to stop the dollar's rise. The bank does not wish to depend exclusively on joint currency market intervention since it needs broader measures. Such measures are seen as raising discount rate from 3.25 per cent to narrow dollar-yen interest rate differentials.

**Deutsche mark**

The mark opened the week against the dollar at 1.9880/85 marks and closed the week sharply lower at 1.9950/60 marks compared to its week before last closing of 1.9600/10 marks. The mark's weakness was aided by failure by the W. German Central Bank — Bundesbank — to raise its discount and Lombard rate at its last Thursday council meeting.

W. German gross national product (GNP) for the second quarter of '89 has recorded 4.9 per cent, which is largely due to increasing German exports coupled with increasing industrial investment. On the other hand, W. German living index for the month of August dropped by 0.1 per cent.

**French franc**

The French franc opened the week against the dollar at 6.7015/45 FFR and closed the week lower at 6.7205/35 FFR, compared to its week before last closing of 6.6745/75 FFR.

**Precious metals**

Precious metals prices over the most part of the week traded comparatively higher within a relatively active market.

Gold bullion prices opened the week at \$38.75/\$39.25 \$/oz, and closed higher at \$39.00/\$39.50 \$/oz, recording a gain of 1.25 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of \$38.75/\$39.25 \$/oz.

Silver bullion prices opened the week at \$5.07/\$5.09 \$/oz and closed higher at \$5.12/\$5.14 \$/oz, recording a gain of 4 cents over the previous week's closing at \$5.08/\$5.10 \$/oz.

Platinum prices opened the week at \$471.50/\$477.50 \$/oz and closed higher at \$474.50/\$475.50 \$/oz, recording a gain of 3.5 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of \$469.00/\$470.50 \$/oz.



## Wall Street prices come under pressure

## Manufacturing productivity rises

NEW YORK, Sept. 10, (UPI): The Federal Reserve of New York reported that US authorities sold \$11.917 billion on foreign currency markets in May, June and July, the largest intervention on record for a three-month period.

The bulk of the dollar sales took place in May and June, coinciding with a White House statement May 22 expressing concern that the dollar's appreciation could undermine efforts at reducing trade imbalances, the Fed said Wednesday.

During the three-month period, the Fed purchased \$7.237 billion worth of Japanese yen and \$4.679 billion in West German marks.

On Wall Street, the stock market retreated this week as prices came under the pressure of futures-related programme selling. It was the first weekly decline in 10 weeks, breaking a

string of nine consecutive weekly gains.

In economic news, the Labour Department said Wednesday that manufacturing productivity rose at a 2.9 per cent annual rate during the second quarter of 1989 but overall non-farm business productivity climbed at a lower 0.7 per cent rate.

The department upped its estimate of manufacturing productivity from last month's original estimate of a 2.4 per cent annual rate of increase for the three-month period.

The jump in manufacturing productivity was fuelled largely by a 4.8 per cent annual rate of gain in the manufacture of durable goods — those products designed to last three or more years. Productivity in the non-durable goods sector rose at 0.2 per cent rate.

On Thursday, the Commerce Department

reported American companies expect to increase their spending on plant and equipment by a strong 7.7 per cent in 1989 despite this year's economic slowdown.

A departmental survey of US businesses completed in August showed that companies plan to spend \$464 billion on capital investments during the year, after adjusting for inflation.

Analysts said the report showed continued optimism by business but warned that much of the new spending was for equipment rather than buildings and other structures, showing the business community is still wary of major expansion in the current economy.

A Federal judge in Arizona Wednesday approved settlements worth \$580 million in class-action suit involving two nuclear power plants at the centre of the

nation's largest municipal bond default.

The approval came close to ending the after-effects of the \$2.25 billion bond default by the Washington Public Power Supply System in 1983.

WPPSS started out to build five nuclear power plants in the Pacific north-west in the late 1970s and early 1980s, selling more than \$8 billion in bonds to finance the effort. But cost overruns, faulty energy projections and other problems led to the end of construction on two plants and the default that sparked the lawsuits.

On Tuesday, Robert Freeman, once head of risk arbitrage at Goldman, Sachs and Co., pleaded guilty to charges of trading illegally on insider information. A plea agreement with the government was announced last month, ending the three-year investigation.

Freeman admitted to trading stocks and options of Beatrice Co. after getting confirmation of a rumour from Martin Siegel, a former investment banker at Kidder, Peabody and Co. who was working on a leveraged buyout of Beatrice by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co.

In a civil complaint, the Securities and Exchange Commission asked for up to \$60 million from Antar, including both penalties for insider trading and disgorgement of illegal profits allegedly made through fraudulent record keeping.

Antar was ousted in 1987 after a bitter battle for control of Crazy Eddie Inc. waged by current management, who charged in a lawsuit that financial statements were inaccurate and that \$65 million in goods were missing from inventory.

## Bulgaria reforms its banking system

THE Munich-based Bavarian-Bulgarian merchant bank, in which Bulgaria has a 49 per cent stake, has been doing very well since it was founded in 1987, allocating commercial and investment credits to Bulgarian and West German companies as well as servicing much of the bilateral trade. Joint venture banks are just one product of the ongoing reform of Bulgarian banking.

The main change, though, is the setting up of eight special merchant banks charged with handing out credits for investment purposes. Using economic levers they are expected to provide incentives for commodity producers to modernise their facilities and improve their performance.

Before that, the Bulgarian National Bank had absolute monopoly over credits and money. By combining the functions of a bank of issue and a credit institution it threatened to create inflation. Under the new system the special merchant banks cannot issue money for credit purposes.

The BNB is thus stripped of its direct means of influencing the economy.

Under the new regulations banks will be given the right to hand out credits at negotiated interest rates. Previously, the BNB was authorised to dispose of all free bank assets. The proposal is now discussed to make manufacturers pay interest as part of production costs or out of their pre-tax profits. This will stimulate them to make the most of the credits received. The same will apply to foreign business operations in Bulgaria.

The new specialised merchant banks are joint stock companies with the BNB, other banks, manufacturers and public organisations acting as shareholders.

## KD deposits steady in quiet market

KUWAIT, Sept. 10, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposits were mainly steady in a quiet market, but some day-to-day funds continued to display a softer tone in response to ample liquidity.

Dealers said business was thin and focused on short dates in a normal trend for the European weekend.

Overnight funds were offered at six per cent and dealt at that level. Tomorrow-next was quoted barely changed at eight, seven per cent with deals reported at seven.

Spot-next eased at 7-3/4, 1/4 per cent from 8-1/2, 7-1/2 on Saturday. One-week also declined to 8-1/4, 7-3/4 per cent from 8-1/2, eight at the start of the day.

Fixed period maturities were all indicated unchanged in a flat yield curve at 8-1/2, 1/4 per cent. The Central Bank left its dinar exchange rate unchanged at 0.30141/51 to the dollar as normal on Sundays.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were steady in a typically dull market, with many offshore operators absent due to the European weekend.

Spot-next was quoted in a range of nine, 8-1/2 per cent and one-week at 8-3/4, 1/4.

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## EEC single currency remains distant dream

Blueprints for economic co-operation approved

ANTIBES, France, Sept. 10, (Reuters): Jacques Delors' vision of the old continent of Europe rejuvenated by a single market and a unified economic policy came one step closer to reality this weekend, but plans for a single currency remain a distant dream.

The president of the European Commission and author of a key report of economic and monetary union saw his closest ally, France, rapped over the knuckles for trying to move too far too fast.

But most officials agreed with his relatively upbeat assessment of a two-day meeting of European Economic Community finance ministers and central bank governors at a secluded sea-front hotel in Antibes.

"We have avoided stagnation," Delors told journalists late Saturday. "The old continent is continuing to make progress."

Dutch Finance Minister Onno Ruding said: "We are going in the right direction but as always things will take longer than envisaged."

The meeting approved blueprints for co-operation on economic and monetary policy, to be ratified in November. These will establish the basis for the stage one of the controversial three-stage Delors plan, due to begin next July.

Under the plan, barriers to EEC trade would come down, economic surveillance procedures would be set in place, remaining currency controls will be dismantled and all EEC currencies, including the British pound, are due to be brought into the semi-fixed European Monetary System of currencies.

First steps will also be made toward a European central bank. Some officials cited growing reservations over a single community money.

Britain, whose Prime Minister



Nigel Lawson

Margaret Thatcher has clashed acrimoniously with French President Francois Mitterrand on the issue, remains the most opposed to it.

But there are signs that West Germany is growing increasingly hesitant over the idea. Nations such as the Netherlands, Denmark and Luxembourg also harbour reservations.

A fourth group, the poorer nations of southern Europe such as Portugal and Greece, are also

aware that the economic implications of a single currency could hinder needed growth and impose a heavy burden on their much less developed economies. "A number of other countries also see difficulties," British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said. "As we explore the issues one by one, these difficulties are becoming problems that have to be addressed."

Arguing that a single currency may not be the only or best consequence of EEC policy harmonisation, Lawson proposed that all community currencies be made legal tender in all 12 nations.

But France is keen to force the pace and to ensure that economic and monetary integration is given a political shape in line with its own thinking.

Finance Minister Pierre Berezgoy, who chaired the weekend meeting which was held during France's six-month EEC presidency, said: "Economic and monetary union is necessary for the growth of Europe and its social and economic cohesion. It would create jobs and wealth and we have to work together for it."

Paris is eager to convene the IGC to change the treaty in order to set up a European central bank. These are pivotal to stages two and three of the Delors process.

## Move to vend IMF embargo

## Vietnam seeks \$300m bank loan

HANOI, Sept. 10, (Reuters): Vietnam is trying to escape from its economic dead-end street by gaining International Monetary Fund (IMF) support for a \$300-million commercial bank loan that would help unlock new IMF money, a senior Vietnamese banker said.

Nguyen Cong Hai, deputy director of the foreign department of the State Bank of Vietnam, said the aim was to generate funds to implement a one-year stabilisation plan and to restore normal relations with the fund.

The plan, to be put before IMF and World Bank meetings in the next few weeks, reflects hope in Hanoi that Western countries will ease their isolation of Vietnam after it withdraws its troops from Cambodia later this month.

However diplomats and foreign bankers here said there was considerable doubt that the United States, which wields immense influence at the IMF and World Bank, would soften its line against its old communist enemy to allow the package.

Hai said in an interview Vietnam had proposed that the French bank Banque Paribas pour Commerce Extérieur, which has an office in Ho Chi Minh City in the south, be asked to lead a consortium of banks to raise \$300 million.

Of this about \$130 million would be used to pay off IMF arrears dating from the end of 1988. Because of those arrears the fund barred Vietnam access to its facilities.

The remaining \$170 million would be used to help put into practice a 12-month plan, worked out with IMF guidance, to fight inflation, lower the yawning budget deficit and build up the tiny hard currency

reserves. Clearing the IMF arrears would make Vietnam, whose 65 million people live in one of the world's poorest economies, once again eligible for several IMF facilities.

"We would be eligible for structural adjustment and enhanced structural adjustment facilities which, according to our IMF quota, could mean \$350 to 400 million," Hai said.

Vietnam depends on its communist allies for most of its foreign trade and investment but needs the flexibility of hard currency and Western management skills as it reshapes the economy and tries to compete with more nimble Asian states.

Members of a World Bank delegation that conducted an economic survey of Vietnam in the last three weeks said they were extremely impressed by the effect in the last year.

Cuts in subsidies and monetary restrictions and a bold decision to create a realistic rate for the dong currency have brought inflation down from dizzying three-figure heights to about four per cent per month, according to official figures.

The black market mark-up on the dong has been virtually abolished.

Bankers like Hai, who appear to have the full backing of the political-conservative Politburo, are determined to push ahead with their tightening in the next year, whether or not the IMF supports their plan for clearing arrears and generating new capital.

The aim is to cut inflation to one per cent by next September. State expenditure would be further reduced as the level of state sector borrowing.

## Japan insurer cash to flow to European real estate

TOKYO, Sept. 10, (Reuters): European real estate investment by Japanese life insurance companies is set to soar as their focus shifts from the United States, managers at life insurers said.

The move is mainly due to an expected increase in business opportunities after European Economic Community (EEC) integration in 1992 but the wish to diversify is also a factor.

More than 400 billion yen (\$2.76 billion) in Japanese life insurance company funds is likely to be invested in European real estate in the year ending March 1990, compared with 100 billion (\$690 million) a year earlier, some industry sources estimated.

Outstanding overseas real estate held by the life insurers totalled one trillion yen (\$6.9 billion) at the end of June, against 600 billion (\$4.14 billion) a year earlier, industry sources said. They said nearly 90 per cent of the total is in the United States.

"Real estate investment in the US by us will peak out soon. To diversify risk, we shift our funds to other countries," said a

manager of the international investment department at one local life insurance firm.

Big Japanese life insurers began investing in US real estate in a major way in 1981, when the Ministry of Finance lifted restrictions on overseas real estate purchases.

Life insurer holdings have increased to nearly 50 buildings in the United States from none before 1981. But the purchases have been criticised because they tended to be of well-known, landmark buildings some Americans did not like to see in foreign hands.

However, others have welcomed the Japanese investment as helping strengthen the United States real estate market generally.

"Our investment is centred on famous buildings since they provide long-term stable return," said a life insurance company manager. "Our next target is Europe, mainly to diversify risk, not because of criticism in the US."

Several managers said operations by life insurance firms in Europe are actively branching out because Japanese companies

anticipate economic growth and higher property prices as a result of the 1992 EEC unification.

Since April 1988, the life insurance firms have started to establish subsidiaries in Europe similar to those they use for real estate investment in the United States. London has been a particular centre for operations.

There were no Japanese insurer real estate operations in Europe as of March 1988. However, five insurer real estate offices were established there by the end of March 1989, out of a total of 17 in foreign cities worldwide. A year earlier the world-wide total was 11, a finance ministry official said.

Nippon Life Insurance Co. — the largest local life insurance firm with total assets of 21.88 trillion yen (\$150.9 billion) at the end of May — established NLI Properties UK Ltd in London in January 1989. Nippon Life has 20 buildings overseas, of which 18 are in the United States, and one each in Canada and Britain, a Nippon Life spokesman said.

Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance Co. — the second largest Japanese firm with 15.39 trillion (\$106 billion) in assets — established Sumitomo Life Realty (UK) in London in July 1988. The company established a similar subsidiary in Sydney in May 1989.

Other major Japanese life insurers are also preparing to set up real estate investment operations in London, industry sources said.

According to government guidelines, companies may put no more than 20 per cent of their total assets into real estate.

Assets held by Japan's 25 life insurance companies totalled 101.83 trillion yen (\$702.2 billion) at end-June, up from 83.46 trillion yen (\$576 billion) a year earlier, and over 100 trillion yen for the first time.

Real estate investment currently covers less than 10 per cent of total investments, some industry sources said. They said real estate was seen partly as an inflation hedge by the companies. Others stressed it was sought for long-term income.

## White House nudges Fed on lowering rates

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, (AP): White House economic adviser Michael Boskin yesterday reinforced the Bush administration's call on the Federal Reserve Board to lower interest rates.

"My own personal view is if there are signs of softness in the economy from where we are now, that further easing would probably be appropriate," said Boskin, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

"We see the economy is continuing to grow, albeit at a slower rate than the fairly rapid pace of 1987 and 1988," he said.

His remarks at a US chamber of commerce breakfast came three weeks after White House Budget Director Richard Darman complained that the central bank was keeping interest rates too high and would have to bear the blame if the country toppled into a recession after nearly seven years of economic expansion.

"President George Bush later endorsed Darman's statement, calling it 'very balanced'."

Boskin generally has avoided publicly criticising the Federal Reserve, which is considered an independent branch of government, and his statement was muted compared to Darman's remarks.

"Fighting fights between the administration and the Fed is the best game in town and I don't really intend to get involved. I think that's counterproductive," Boskin said.

"I'm sure the Fed is monitoring the data as closely as we are and I'm certain they will adopt a sensible monetary policy because they themselves have said that their goal is to try to achieve the maximum sustainable economic growth consistent with controlling inflation," he said.

Beginning in March 1988, the central bank boosted short-term interest rates by 3 percentage points. Its goal was a so-called "soft landing" — slower but continued economic growth that would prevent an acceleration of inflation.

Then, when signs of sluggishness began to emerge, the Fed in June began loosening credit, allowing rates to fall by about three-quarters of a percentage point.

However, recent statistics indicate the US economy, although slower than last year, was doing better than most economists thought. The Fed has not nudged interest rates down further since mid-July, causing some impatience within the administration, which is depending on continued growth to generate tax revenue and help it reduce the budget deficit without a tax increase.

"We would not be satisfied with a definition of soft landing that merely avoids a recession," Boskin said. "The economy can and should do better than that. It should sustain growth sufficient to provide rising employment and real income to Americans."

## Despite World Bank objections

## Steel mill goes ahead

LAGOS, Sept. 10, (OPECNA): Nigerian Mines, Power and Steel Minister Mohammed Imam Nurudeen, while admitting here that the situation of the steel industry was not "encouraging," reiterated the government's commitment to the sector despite World Bank reservations.

The minister was answering questions from newsmen after receiving the report of a panel he had appointed in July to investigate allegations of fraud at the Ajaokuta Steel Company.

He said money had remained a major constraint and external funds tied to World Bank conditionality had been unavailable. The second instalment of the bank's trade and investment loan had not been paid because of the disagreement. However, he was still hopeful that the new 1991 completion deadline for the steel mill would be kept as there was expected to be sufficient assistance from friendly countries.

The minister put projected steel production from Ajaokuta, Delta Steel and the three units at Oshogbo, Jos and Katsina at 3.3 million tons a year. Due to escalating costs, he added, the completion date of Ajaokuta, the steel industry's "flagship," had been put ahead from this year to 1994.

He said the World Bank had objected to the country's steel policy as a "priority," pressing that Nigeria should recognise the need to slow down.

He went on to declare: "But we are committed and there is to be no going back."

"All we are saying is that the World Bank should reconsider its stand and that it should not tie the release of the second tranche for the trade and investment loan to this issue. We hope the World Bank is going to be reasonable," he said.

On a brighter note, Nurudeen said the Delta Steel plant was now producing at about 50 per cent capacity which, he added, would help activate production at mills being supplied by Delta.

## MIM Britannia to launch first guaranteed fund

ON October 2, 1989, MIM Britannia International, the Jersey based investment services company, is launching their first guaranteed fund the MIM Britannia Guaranteed Nippon Warrant (1994) Fund.

The objective of the Fund is to offer investors an opportunity for substantial growth through investment in the Nippon Warrant Fund. The risks associated with the Equity Warrants Market are eliminated by providing investors with a guaranteed return of their initial investment, at the end of a five year period, through the purchase of a Promissory Note provided by Citibank N.A. Jersey Branch.

The Nippon Warrant Fund is advised jointly by MIM Limited, 11 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4YR and Kangyo Kakumaru Capital Management in Tokyo. The fund is by far the most successful Japanese Equity Warrant Fund of the last three years and since its launch on August 21, 1986 the value of a share in the fund has increased in value by 77.1 per cent and 91.6 per cent so far in 1989 to August 21.

The minimum investment is \$5,000 or £3,000, and copies of the prospectus are available from MIM Britannia International Limited, MIM Britannia House, P.O. Box 271, Grenville Street, St. Helier, Jersey. The subscription period will close on 15th November 1989.

## Hertel seeks payment from BNL

## \$2m Iraqi debt

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 10, (Reuters): West German manufacturer Hertel AG will seek to collect a \$2 million Iraqi debt from the Atlanta branch of Italian banking giant Banca Nazionale Del Lavoro (BNL), a published report said yesterday.

That amount represents part of more than \$2 billion in unauthorised export credits to Iraq issued by its office in Atlanta, the report said. The Atlanta constitution, quoting lawyer Thomas Harrold, reported that Hertel hired the local firm of Glass, McCall, Sherrill and Harrold to recover money it says it is owed by state machinery trade Co of Baghdad.

He said BNL Atlanta issued a letter of credit to Hertel for a revolving trade account covering \$12.2 million in cutting equipment shipped to the Iraqi firm, on which state machinery is delinquent on paying \$2.3 million.

The lawyer said a company can present a letter of credit to the issuing bank for payment and it is then up to the bank to collect its money from a debtor.

The Atlanta BNL office is focus of a growing scandal in which BNL chairman Nerio Nesi resigned yesterday.

BNL Atlanta is also being investigated by the US Federal Reserve Board and Georgia state banking officials.

The parent company, in which the Italian government owns about a three-fourths stake, said on Thursday its Atlanta office extended at least \$1.72 billion in unauthorised export credits to Iraq and added it has another \$920 million in unrecouped commitments from which it is trying to free itself.

BNL said the transactions were carried out by suspended Atlanta branch head Christopher Drogoi, against whom the bank filed a complaint with legal authorities in Rome.

An Atlanta lawyer for Drogoi, Theodore Lackland, said it would be premature for his client to comment on the allegations but added he is available for any questions any officials have for him.



## EVENTS

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Dubai Pharmacy  
Souq Waqif, Al Jazeera St.  
Property of Mohammed  
Ridha Ali  
Tala Pharmacy  
Al Hilali St.  
Opp. to the Ministry of  
Education, Murqab  
Nagra and Hawalli  
Al Kamal Pharmacy  
Hawalli, Tunis St.  
Property of Al Nafes  
Salamiya and Rumaythiya  
Sahara Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Property of Fahad Al Zabin  
Fahad and Almadhi  
Al Badya Pharmacy  
Fahad, Al Dabous St.  
Mohammed Jassem Building  
Kheitar  
Al Tawfeeq Pharmacy  
Kheitan, Southern St.  
Al Rajan Commercial  
Market  
Jahra  
Al Zahra Pharmacy  
Jahra, The New Commercial  
Market

## CINEMA

**Al Andalus**  
One Man Force  
Al Salamiya  
Hall Booked  
Al Hamra  
Wild Force  
Dahia  
Dil Aur Deewar  
Fahad-open  
Ek Gunah Aur Sahi  
Fahad  
Arthur 2 on the Rocks  
Al Jahra  
Red Sonja  
Granada  
Young Guns  
Salaikhah  
Halloween 4  
Jaleeb  
Banjaran  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
The Annihilators

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.10 am
Zuhr	11.45
Asr	3.16 pm
Maghreb	5.58
Isha	7.17

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8-9 pm  
only. Natural history exhibits  
from in and around Kuwait,  
including blue whale. Closed  
on Thursdays and Fridays.  
**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12  
noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm.  
Collection includes rare  
Islamic artefacts, Quranic  
manuscripts, ceramics, carpets  
and marine equipment.  
**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12  
noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am  
to 12 noon. Collection of  
Islamic art, costumes and  
jewellery from the Muslim  
world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12  
noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits  
include bedouin handicrafts—  
rugs, saddle bags, cushions and  
textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Photography & oil painting**  
classes  
Photography to be taught by  
Ann C. Eid, a professional  
photographer with a degree in  
fine arts, who has taught at the  
University of Maryland.  
Oil painting to be taught by  
Yasmeen Bhamia, a profes-  
sional artist with a degree in  
fine arts, who has exhibited her  
paintings in many countries.

Classes are to be held in  
Daiya. Limited to only 10  
students per class. Register  
early.

Dates: Photography—Sun-  
days, Oct 7 - Nov 25, 10 am to 1  
pm or Wednesday, Oct 4 -  
Nov 22, 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.  
Painting: Mondays, Oct 2 -  
Nov 20, 10 am to 1 pm.  
For further details and  
reservations, please call Yas-  
meen 2540587.

**Social**  
**Ona Sadya**  
OVERSEAS Indian Cul-  
tural Congress (OICC) has  
decided to celebrate the Onam  
— the national festival of  
Kerala — with its traditional  
feast "Ona Sadya", which  
includes 21 delicious vegetarian  
dishes at New Regal Restau-  
rant on Sept 14, at 7 pm. For  
more details please contact tel:  
4314183, 5629747 and  
3985569.

**Pakistan Arts Circle**  
A SERIES of programmes is  
being organised by the Pakis-  
tan Arts Circle, which includes  
musical, literary, and  
literary discussions, etc.  
Families are most welcome.  
Please register your names on  
Tel. Nos. 5323693, 571585 or  
4716258.



Leena expresses her love for her homeland.

## A victim of Lebanon's terror

### 'I am still very optimistic'

LEENA GHANTOUS, a 15-year-old Lebanese girl came to Kuwait three months ago, fleeing the fierce battle of Beirut.

She came here to stay temporarily with the hope that one day she could return to her home country, but as violence continued unabated in Beirut, she finally decided to spend this year in Kuwait and registered at the French school. She is still living on the hope that things in

Beirut will return to normal and she will be able to go back.

However, despite the horrifying war in Lebanon, Leena said that she was studying and practising her day to day life affairs in a very normal way. "We became accustomed to sounds of mortars and shelling and going to the shelters so frequently," Leena said. "I never

worried or panicked and I am still very optimistic."

Leena is very attached to her homeland. "If they put me in the most safe and secure country in the world, I won't feel comfortable without the people whom I love." She spent the past few months in Kuwait reading books, learning to play on the guitar and swimming. She has started to prepare herself for

school, opening shortly. "I have to complete my university education because we are living in a decade that obliges each and every individual to obtain a university degree and also get a job. I plan to study medicine or engineering."

She added that she will not get married before completing her university education, except if she falls in love!

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 The opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Sabah Al-Khira News and Variety  
9.30 Ifrah Ya Simsim: Children cultural programme  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt Al-Dhaye: Arabic Serial (Part 3)  
11.00 Sabah Al Khira News and Variety  
11.15 Al Dana: Local Serial (Part 7)  
12.05 Sabah Al Khira News and Variety  
1.00 News Summary  
1.30 Al Shanakeel: Cartoon Serial  
2.00 Variety  
2.15 Awdat Owaised: Arabic Serial (Part 2)  
3.15 Innaho Al Haq: a religious programme (Part 14)  
3.35 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: Cartoon Serial  
4.00 Cartoons  
4.30 Meerath Al Seneen: historical serial (Part 12)  
5.30 Children and Summer: local programme, prepared by Samiya Mohammed  
6.00 Variety  
6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements  
7.00 The World of Tomorrow: cultural programme  
7.30 Variety  
8.15 Holy Quran and Science: religious programme, prepared and presented by Ahmad Shawqi  
9.00 Arabic News  
9.45 Omsiyat Al Ethneen: local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Baris  
10.15 Wajeda Wa Sameh: Arabic Serial (Part 5)  
11.00 Abo Alala Al Maari: cultural programme (Part 1), starring Satar Al Basri, Ghazi Al Takriti, Bahjat Al Jabori  
11.45 News summary

11.50 The World Today via Satellite  
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: A cartoon series for children  
6.30 The Scheme of Things: The relation between man and his environment... The relation between time and the development of earth's shape...  
7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities...  
7.30 Charles in Charge: Charles becomes jealous of the boys whom his mother shows much interest towards them!!  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Paradise "Hour of The Wolf" A Wolf attacks "Elhan" and his niece "Clara"... it bites both of them and his old Indian friend has to prepare a proper remedy against rabies  
9.30 227: "Mary's Cook-ies" Mary's partnership with a local baker turns stale when he tried to con her out of a cookie recipe that could be worth a fortune  
10.00 Tales of the Unexpected "The Luncheon": A writer is invited to a luncheon party in a restaurant where a woman threatens to file a case against him and accuses him of writing his novel about her husband.  
10.30 Jack and Mike Spirits in The Night: Jack and Mike spend their time in setting the disputes between Mike's parents...  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite  
12.05 Holy Quran and Closedown

**BADESHIK**  
The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait (Badesik) will hold the installation ceremony of its newly elected office bearers on Sept 15 at 6.30 pm at the Bangladesh Embassy premises. A cultural function will also be held on the occasion. Badesik members are requested to contact their local representative or phone 4330025 for further information.

**Kalpak exhibition**  
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian Embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

**Syndicate Live**  
SEPT 15: Two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will join hands to host "Syndicate Live", a musical extravaganza at the Indian Arts Auditorium featuring Goa's music kings: The Syndicate, Stepping Stones, Top Ranks and a selection of talented local singers. Gate passes available at Kaja Stores and the Organisers. Call: Joe 2413348, Julio 5734513 for more information.

**Breeze '89**  
OCT 26: Vivim Centre's "Breeze '89" is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers: Cassino or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

**Filcheck chess**  
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filcheck) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament".

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

**British Council**  
THE British Council presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions

please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3222.

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

**British Council**  
Defence of the Realm  
Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September at 6.30 pm, 9.2 min.

What are they prepared to cover up in "Defence of the Realm"? When a respected journalist dies in mysterious circumstances after meeting a government "mole", his fellow reporter is determined to find out why. But each lead only raises more questions! A superb British thriller.

**Onam Celebration**  
The special meeting of OIC Executive Committee was held at Indian Embassy Hall on 31 Aug 1989 and decided to celebrate "The Onam" — The National Festival of Kerala — at the new Regal Restaurant on 14 Sept 1989 at 7 pm, with "Ona Sadya" — the traditional feast — which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes on plantain leaves.

A seven member committee was formed under OICC President Sahidharan as General Convener and Nalina Kumar, Rajan Daniel, Ali Alavi, Anil Kumar, Gogadharan, Vijaya Kumar as members to organise this function. For further information, please contact Tel. 4314183 and 5629747 and 3985569.

**Free Tailoring Class**  
Kapipano Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapipku) will hold their free tailoring class to all bonafide Kapipku members beginning Friday, September 22 at Far East Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapipku. The class will run every Friday and end on October 3. All materials needed for the class are given free to all participants. Master cutting, Barong Tagalog and executive suits will be covered in the course. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447. Deadline for registration will be on September 15.

**Spoken Arabic**  
The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in

colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone. Nos. 2413050, Ext. 243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

**Palarong Pilipino Annual**  
All the winners in the just concluded Palarong Pilipino organised by the Kapipano Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapipku) should submit their pictures on or before September 22 to Homer L. Mesina, Vice-President of Media and External Affairs and the Chairman of the 9th Palarong Pilipino Souvenir Programme.

For group, the picture must be coloured and the size is 5"x7" with their officials and players and for the individual, it must be coloured and the size is also 5"x7".

Sponsors and donors who may wish to place ads must contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447.

**Kapipku Night**  
The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapipku) will hold their Kapipku Night on Friday, September 29 in Holiday Inn Hotel at 5.00 pm. This singing contest is open to all Filipinos and the competition is divided into two categories, namely, Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and Sing-Alike.

The first three winners in each division will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors. Interested participants are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang the chairperson at 4843447 and Rod Cerezo at 2433595, the co-ordinator.

All previous winners are requested to contact the chairperson for the rehearsal on the forthcoming Grand Final on October 20.

Rehearsals and auditions for all Kapipku Night contestants will be on Friday, September 15 at Far East Restaurant at 10.00 am.

This singing contest is organised by Kapipku and the main objective is to enhance Filipino talents in the art of singing.

The top three winners in each category will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors and automatically qualify for the grand final on October 20.

The following contestants should submit their minus one (not multiplex) to Sara Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs and the Chairperson of this project and Rod Cerezo, co-ordinator at 4843447 and 2434630 respectively. Rodney Villarama, Victoria Luna, Enrique Kalambakal, Jenetha Sulaiman, Dolly Reynoso, Cesar Dimalanta, Robert Gelua, George Albayda, Greg Ramos, Lito Randrup, Brado Layug, Ramon Monteverde,

Rufely Gaudia, Dolores Gador, Jun Drapeza, Cynthia Aborafe, Emil Combate, Jr., Dante Bangilan and Bobby Bautista. Deadline for submission of entries is on September 15.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Suranang music. Children entry KD.32; from 2-12 years to 12 years: Others KD.4 with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

**D'Assisi Association**  
OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

**Konkani drama**  
NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zalim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa "Jacinto Vaz" along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

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**EVERY SUNDAY COW-BOY NIGHT:** Taste the Texas fair at the La Brasserie. No compromise with this salute to the US includes live foot tapping country and Western music plus decor costumes and ambience with more than a touch of the real wild west.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY THE INDONESIAN CORNER:** Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the regular Brasserie buffet.

**EVERY THURSDAY:** Tuck in the tempo... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jazz sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie... lavish buffet... live entertainment toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

**KIWI LOVERS:** A down under delicacy the Kiwi will be featured at Al Fingian from Oct 8 to the 19th in tempting variety of ways from juices to delicious tarts and desserts.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
**AT THE COFFEE SHOP:** A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.00 per pax and half price for children.

**AL ANDALUS:** Thursday — Arabian Night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

**FAMILY BRUNCH:** Calling all kids... we have a great party every Friday. It's our Friday Brunch Party and everyone is invited. Come and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters plus magic... magic... by the Great Magician. Prizes and surprises await each kid. Price — KD5.000 for adults, and half price per kid.

**AT THE SWIMMING POOL:** From 8.30 pm spend a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue — music — games — prizes and surprises plus our delicious n' yummy, yummy, Shahrazad Barbecue. Come all and join the fun. At only KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 for kids, you will have a great summer time.

**At the Kuwait Plaza**  
**DINE** the way you fancy at Al Dallah Coffee Shop which offers the most enjoyable dinners or luncheons at a nominal price. More than thirty different delicious dishes of all kind of food starting with Lebanese mezzeh ending up with Eastern and Continental food not to mention delectable

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**Roman Nights:** Marco Polo, the Italian restaurant offers to take you to the heart of Rome where you can enjoy your dinner on candle lights with existing music played by our resident Duo Stan and Alice. Live the authentic Italian atmosphere while having the real Italian food cooked before you.

**SWIMMING CLASSES:** A.S.A. swimming classes for children/adults, beginners/intermediate. Classes start September 23, 1989. For registration and details please contact Messilah Beach Hotel on 5624111 ext. 739 or 751.

**WINDSURFING CLASSIC:** Messilah Beach Hotel is organising a Windsurfing Classic on October 6, 1989. Open to all men and women sailors in Kuwait. Closing date for entries is 1.10.89. For more details contact Ken Balman on 5624111 ext. 739/751.

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**Kuwait International**  
Fit for Life: September brings a variety of sports classes and activities at the Kuwait International Hotel. Tennis coaching from October. Classes for ladies, juniors and seniors by Frank Novak — an experienced Canadian coach and tennis player. Enrollment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Swimming classes from 17th September. Limited space available. Ballet classes will begin from 18th September. Coaching by Russian trained teacher. Enrollment on-going. Other classes are: Ladies' Keep Fit Classes, Men's Keep Fit Classes, Yoga, Judo, Karate and Taekwondo. For details contact: Paul or Vivienne at 2530000 or 2533000.

**Kuwait Nomads R.F.C.**  
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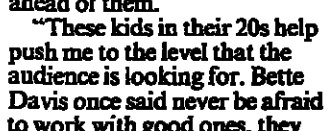
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# Molly is back

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## Cricket tourney

THE Bombay Youth Cricket Club is organising a cricket tournament during the first week of Oct. A meeting in this connection will be held on Sept 14 at 8:00 pm at the Mobeen Restaurant & Cafe, Arab Real Estate Building, Mubarak. Interested teams should attend the meeting.

## Rugby tour

AGEN, France, Sept 10. (Reuter): The French Rugby Union Federation (FFR) is to invite a South African team to tour France, on condition half the tour is coloured (mixed race) or black, the FFR said today.

## Coe leads

BEAVERTON, Ore., Sept 10. (Reuter): Canadian Dawn Coe increased her lead to four strokes after shooting a one-under-par 71 in the second round of the \$300,000 Beaverton Golf Championships yesterday.

## Real held to draw

MADRID, Sept 10. (Reuter): Real Madrid, playing at half strength ahead of a midweek European Cup clash, were held to a 0-0 draw in a Spanish First Division soccer match away at newly promoted Castellon last night.

## World Cup

NAIROBI, Sept 10. (Reuter): China's Ma Wenge won the World Cup table tennis title by beating Andrej Grubba of Poland 17-21 21-16, 21-19 14-21 21-17 in a 97-minute final yesterday. Mikael Appelgren of Sweden won the third place playoff against Belgian Jean Saive 25-23 23-21.

## Minoza wins

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept 10. (AP): Frankie Minoza of the Philippines shot a five-under-par 67 today, giving him a course record four-round total of 268 and an 8-shot victory in the Malaysian Masters golf championship.

## Kidney blockage

ELKHART LAKE, Wisconsin, Sept 10. (AP): Juliana Fittipaldi, 14-year-old daughter of race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi, was reported resting comfortably yesterday following surgery in Miami for a kidney blockage.

## Baracchi Trophy

TRENTO, Italy, Sept 10. (AP): The French team of Laurent Fignon and Thierry Marie, with a strong comeback in the last (28 kilometres) 17 miles, won the Baracchi Trophy against the clock cycling race for pairs yesterday.

## African Cup

KHARTOUM, Sept 10. (Reuter): Sudan's Al-Mareiki beat Congo's Patrice Saint Anne 2-0 (halftime 0-0) yesterday in the first leg of their quarter-final for the African Cup Winners' Soccer Cup.

## Belgian soccer

BRUSSELS, Sept 10. (Reuter): Results of Belgian First Division soccer matches played yesterday:

Racing M	1	Cercle Bruges 2
Lokeren	1	Anderlecht 3
Club Bruges	4	Ghent 1
Lierse	1	Mechelen 1
Beveren	4	Kortrijk 1
FC Liege	0	Standard L. 0
Antwerp	2	St Truiden 0

## Portuguese soccer

LISBON, Sept 10. (Reuter): Results of Portuguese First Division soccer matches played yesterday:

Braga	1	Setubal 3
Benfica	5	Beira Mar 0
Boavista	2	Estoril 1
Portimonense	2	Pesadif 1
Tirsense	0	Amadora 0
Ferense	1	Belenseses 0

## Dutch soccer

AMSTERDAM, Sept 10. (Reuter): Results of Dutch First Division soccer matches played yesterday:

MVV Maastr	3	FC Den Haag 0
Fortuna S	2	BVV D Bosch 0
FC Twente	2	Sparta 0
PSV Eindhoven	2	Ajax 0
Feyenoord	3	FC Gronin 3
FC Utrecht	2	Willem II 1
Volendam	2	Roda JC 0
RKC Waalwijk	3	NEC Nijmegen 0
Vitesse	4	Haarlem 0

## Suntory Open

INZAI, Japan, Sept 10. (AP): American Larry Nelson sank a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a sudden death playoff today and celebrated his 42nd birthday by winning the \$99,000 top prize in the Suntory Open golf tournament.

## Americans win

PARIS, Sept 10. (AP): American synchronized swimmers finished off a triple victory yesterday by taking the team event at the sport's fourth World Cup. Tracy Long led the team and picked up her third gold medal of the competition. She previously won the solo and duet routines.

## 8-stroke win

NASUMACHI, Japan, Sept 10. (AP): Fukumi Tani shot a 3-under-par 69 and pulled away from Ayako Okamoto and Hiroko Kobayashi for an 8-stroke victory today in the Japan LPGA Championship.

## Prost wins Italian Grand Prix to increase lead

MONZA, Italy, Sept 10. (Reuter): Frenchman Alain Prost established himself as a clear favourite for the World Drivers' Championship today when he took full advantage of the misfortune of his McLaren teammate Ayrton Senna to win the Italian Group Prix motor race.

Senna, the Brazilian world champion, led from the start until eight laps from the end of the 53-lap race when he was forced to retire with what appeared to be a blown engine.

Prost, having started fourth on the grid, had worked his way through to second place. He inherited the lead and went on to a comfortable victory.

Austrian Gerhard Berger, in a Ferrari, followed him home in second place ahead of Belgian Thierry Boutsen who was third in a Williams.

It was Berger's first finish of the season and offered Ferrari's thousands of fanatical supporters some consolation for the departure of Briton Nigel Mansell who was forced to retire after 42 laps.

Italian Riccardo Patrese finished fourth in the second Williams, Frenchman Jean Alesi in a Tyrrell was fifth and Briton Martin Brundle, driving a Brabham, finished sixth.

## Brazil qualify for Cup finals

## Fifa turn down Chilean appeal



Rojas lies on the ground after being 'hit' by the flare.

ZURICH, Sept 10. (Reuter): Brazil qualified for the 1990 World Cup soccer finals when the organising committee today awarded them a 2-0 forfeit win because Chile walked-off in a qualifying tie in Rio de Janeiro last Sunday.

The Chilean team, trailing 1-0, left the field in the crucial South American Group Three tie, which they needed to win to qualify, after their goalkeeper was allegedly struck by a missile from the crowd in the 69th minute.

International Football Federation's (FIFA) organising committee chairman, West German Hermann Neubauer, told a packed news conference: "After studying all the aspects of this case most of the day the committee decided unanimously that as Chile had left the field of play before the end of the game Brazil is awarded the match by a 2-0 margin."

Neubauer also said despite all the precautions taken by the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) objects were thrown on to

the field and the federation would be fined 20,000 Swiss francs (\$11,800) for failing to take adequate security precautions.

He said that the case of Chilean goalkeeper Roberto Rojas, alleged to have been hit by a missile, would be dealt with by the disciplinary committee as it did not fall within the jurisdiction of the organising committee.

Fifa House, the headquarters of the governing body of world soccer was under siege by Brazilian and Chilean journalists and television crews during the meeting.

The committee comprising Neubauer, Guillermo Canedo (Mexico), Harry Cavan (Northern Ireland), Ian Sri Datuk

Hamzah (Malaysia) and Julio Grondona (Argentina) heard evidence from Brazilian and Colombian delegates in separate hearings which totalled nearly three hours.

The committee then deliberated for a further two hours before reaching a decision. Football federation president Sergio Stoppel led the Chilean delegation and his counterpart Ricardo Teixeira headed that for Brazil.

Brazilian officials had accused Chile of faking the injury to goalkeeper Rojas who had angrily denied the accusations.

But the Brazilians had been confident photographs would prove them right and they would be awarded the match because of the Chileans' walk-off, unprecedented in World Cup qualifying rounds.

Argentine referee Juan Carlos Loustau waited 25 minutes for the visiting team to return before suspending the match.

Rojas fell to the ground when the missile — later described as a flare-type signalling device

usually used by sailors when in trouble at sea — was thrown from the crowd of more than 140,000 in the Maracana stadium.

Witnesses said it landed several metres away from him. He had been expected to give his version of the incident to the committee but failed to appear.

Swiss newspapers quoted Stoppel as saying Rojas' absence was due to medical reasons.

Stoppel was also reported to have admitted that the goalkeeper was not struck by the missile itself as alleged earlier but was injured by splinters from it when it hit the ground near him.

Chile, who had first asked for a replay in a neutral ground, later demanded they be declared the winners as Brazil had failed to guarantee the team's safety.

The two countries' earlier qualifying match in Santiago also ended in controversy after Brazil complained messages on the electronic scoreboard were used to incite Chilean fans. Chile were ordered to play their final home tie in Venezuela.

## Bin Sulayem set for Jordan Raid

MIDDLE EAST champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem will give a specially-prepared Winston Toyota Landcruiser its rally debut in next weekend's BP Trophy 2000 Jordan Raid.

Having tested the vehicle along the route of the Dubai International Rally, the UAE star is full of confidence for the new-look four-wheel-drive event Thursday and Friday (September 14 and 15).

Sulayem will be in a starting line-up also featuring Jordan's dashing Prince Abdullah, top Kuwaiti driver Tariq Al Wazzan, and experienced Qatari competitors Abbas Al Mosawi and Jabbar Al Marri.

Al Wazzan, a genuine 4WD specialist, will be partnered by Khaled Khalifa in a Mitsubishi Pajero.

Sulayem, who is driving with additional support from Emiratis, the international airline of the UAE, said: "I have had some memorable experiences in rallies in Jordan over the past few years, and I always look forward to competing there. This new event presents a different kind of challenge and it promises to be very enjoyable, and spectacular."

"I was very pleased with the performance of the Landcruiser in testing and everything looks good for Jordan." His vehicle has been specially prepared by the Winston Toyota Team Middle East in Dubai, with assistance from Toyota France and Toyota Japan.



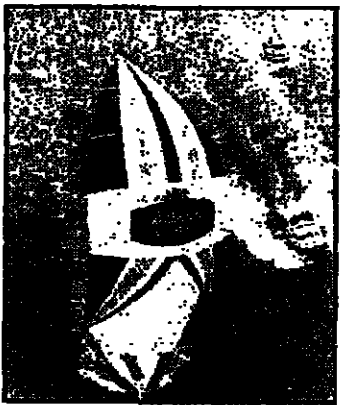
Bin Sulayem

The Jordan Raid starts on Thursday with a prologue — a single special stage run purely to determine the starting order for the main event the following day.

Beginning from the Amman Marriott Hotel on Friday, the rally — organised by the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan — will consist of 11 special stages totalling approximately 90-km in length. The route unwinds around the perimeter of Amman International Airport, with a variety of terrain including mountain slopes and numerous wadis.

Sulayem, leading the 1989 FIA Middle East Championship by three points in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, is no stranger to specialised 4WD events. He has competed regularly in the gruelling Masafi Rally which features in his list of 17 international victories.

## Rothmans finishes 3rd in Fastnet Race



The Rothmans yacht

ROTHMANS, the maxi yacht built for the 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World Race, competed against seven other Whitbread maxis in the 1989 Fastnet Race.

Although there have been other trial races this year, this 605 mile race which started from Cowes, Isle of Wight on Sunday Aug 6, 1989, attracted the highest number of Whitbread Round the World Race maxis to date and was a true test of their race potential. Rothmans did well to finish third overall.

At the start of the race, Rothmans was the first over the line and Lawrie Smith's tactical expertise ensured that they led the fleet through the Solent and past the

Needles. They managed to maintain this advantage and were first to reach Land's End, but in a fresher breeze Fisher & Paykel and Steinlager II closed up and Rothmans and Merit elected to stay inshore.

Nevertheless the group of leaders were still within sight of each other when they reached the Fastnet Rock off the South West corner of Ireland, and Fisher & Paykel was sighted rounding the Rock 15 minutes ahead of Steinlager II who at this stage was less than a minute ahead of Rothmans.

Nearing Plymouth, the two ketches duelled for first position and Steinlager II crossed the finishing line just three minutes ahead of

Fisher & Paykel.

Rothmans was close behind, leading the Whitbread sloops and managed to beat the favourite for the 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World Race, the Swiss maxi Merit, by an impressive 15 minutes.

Although they were official entrants, Steinlager II and Fisher & Paykel were not eligible for the Fastnet Trophy as they rated over 70 foot under the 1989 IOR Rule, so Rothmans came away with the highest number of race prizes which were for the following: First in Class, First British Boat, First Round Fastnet Rock, First Northern Hemisphere versus Southern Hemisphere, Third Overall.

## Estes shoots 68 for lead in B.C. Open

ENDICOTT, N.Y. Sept 10. (Reuter): PGA Tour rookie Bob Estes fired his second 66 of the tournament to take a one-stroke lead into the final round at the B.C. Open golf tournament yesterday.

Estes has carded rounds of 66-68-66 and leads fellow-Americans Dave Eichelberger by one stroke and Fuzzy Zoeller by two.

Mike Hubbert, Jim Booroo, and former leader Keith Clearwater are three strokes off the pace.

"I like leading," said the 23-year-old Estes, playing in his first full year on the PGA Tour. "That's why I work so hard on my game and try to win. I've got the lead right now, but that does not mean a whole lot."

Estes birdied two of his first three holes and for the first six to take the lead from first and second-round leader Clearwater. Birdies on nine and 12 pushed him to 14 under-par before a bogey on 13 put him back at 13 under.

Eichelberger has shot consecutive 67s and would gladly take another one for tomorrow's round.

"I would be happy with a 67 for tomorrow..." said Eichelberger.

## Wu and Han overcome opponents

HONG KONG, Sept 10. (AP): Chinese teenager Wu Wenkai won the men's singles title and former world champion Han Aiping won the women's title today in the \$60,000 Hong Kong Open badminton championships.

Wu, 19, took his first Grand Prix title when he defeated Malaysia's Foo Kok Keong 15-11, 15-11, while Han held off the challenge of fellow Chinese player Zhou Lei 11-12, 11-7, 11-3 in the women's final.

World champions Lin Ying and Guan Weizhen gave China a third title, defeating South Korea's Hwang Hye-Young and Chung So-Young 15-4, 15-9 for the women's doubles championship.

But the men's doubles title went to Malaysia's Razif and Janani Sidek, who stopped China's Chen Yu and He Xiangyang 15-12, 15-6.

South Korea's Choi Sang-Bum and Chung So-Young won the mixed doubles title, beating Hong Kong's Chan Chi Choi and Amy Chan 15-12, 16-18, 15-6.

"I played quite well. Foo was playing an attacking game all the time and he used up a lot of energy. I played a defensive game and that worked for me," said Wu, China's national junior champion, who won \$3,900. The Chinese left-hander's last appearance in a tournament final was at last year's Malaysian Open.

## Bijoy cruises past Matthew

BIOJOY scored a 15-9 15-6 victory over C.I. Matthew as the Indian Arts Circle (IAC) Badminton Tournament entered its fourth day.

Matthew put up a fight in the first set to take nine points but could manage to win only six in the second.

Remy John and Nirmla Nair had the easiest match of the day. They crushed Dr (Mrs) Srivastava and Usha Walvekar 15-2 15-0 in the ladies doubles to sound out a warning to the other teams.

Yesterdays results: Gents singles: Bijoy overcame C.I. Matthew 15-9; Chetan A. defeated Mohd Zaidin 15-5, 15-1; Aravind Kumar beat Shivi Basin 15-2, 15-8; Bobby Tharian beat Thankappan 15-4, 15-6; George Verghese beat Matthew George 15-9, 15-0 and Alex Mathew walkover Vijay Sharma.

Gents doubles: J. Ashok Kumar and M.D. Verghese routed Suresh Ramachandran and Joseph C. Phillip 15-1, 15-2; Geku George and George Verghese lost to Edison Verghese and Jacob Thomas 15-2, 15-11; Karim and Thankappan walkover Prem Prakash and Sunil Sharma.

Ladies doubles: Shoba Nair and Gina Antony beat

Rema Ashok and Roshni Edison 12-15, 15-2, 15-5; Remy John and Nirmla Nair eliminated Dr (Mrs) Srivastava and Usha Walvekar 15-2, 15-0; Asha Kutty and Viji Kuny walkover Anju Abraham and Alice Nazareth.

Veterans singles: Robert Henry got a walkover against Sam Alphonso.

Today's fixtures: Gents singles: Philip Cherian vs George Verghese (8.30 pm), Cherry George vs Joseph Philip (9.00 pm), Louis Gonsalves vs Deepak Sakpal (9.00 pm), Reji Verghese vs K.S. Jose (9.30 pm).

Gents doubles: Muralidharan and G.S. Anand vs Lal and partner (7.00 pm), Bal Sharma and M.M. Joshi vs Mohan George and Bobby Tharian (7.00 pm), Thomas Verghese and Jacob E. vs J.S. Anand and Paul Alex (8.00 pm), Joseph Philip and Koshiy George vs Cherian Philip and Rajan Daniel (8.00 pm).

Couples doubles: Suja Verghese and Babu Verghese vs Shobha Nair and Madhu (7.40 pm).

Junior girls singles: Simi Matthew vs Anju Abraham (7.20)

## Sillett slams Coventry's performance

LONDON, Sept 10. (Reuter): It was, observed Coventry soccer manager John Sillett, "Christians I, The Lions 4."

Fearlessly mixing metaphors, he went on: "We came here with a first class ticket and gave a third class performance for the first 45 minutes."

It had taken Coventry 106 years to reach the top of the English First Division. That was 11 days ago.

Then yesterday they came to The Den, home of Millwall, the unfashionable but dangerous Lions who lurk just off London's Old Kent Road.

Last year in their first season in the top flight, Millwall, to general astonishment, led the First Division for a week before giving way to equally unlikely front-runners Norwich.

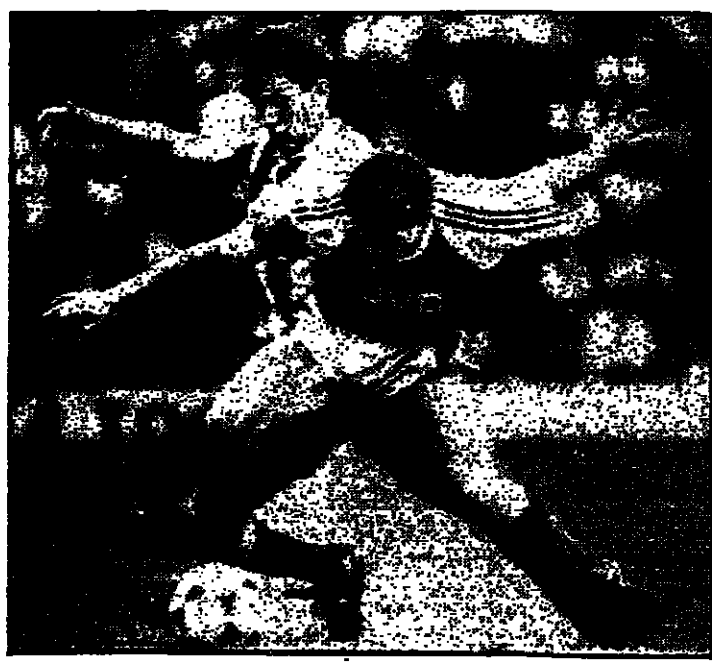
A week later the Lions went to Coventry and drew 0-0. They were not to reach the summit again.

When Coventry came into the Lions' Den yesterday Millwall recognised a fine chance to relive an old glory.

After only 44 seconds Coventry's head was between the jaws when Teddy Sheringham scored. They half-closed when Sheringham grabbed a second 12 minutes later and snapped shut when winger Steve Anthrobus added a third a minute before the break.

David Smith prised them narrowly apart with a 65th minute goal for the Christians, but they closed irrevocably when Ian Dawes completed the scoring a minute from time.

Sillett was not pleased: "Starting off like that here meant there was only going to be one end product — we were going to get stuffed. We came here and com-



Arsenal winger Brian Marwood (right) and Wednesday's Craig Shakespeare battle it out. (Reuter wirephoto)

mitted suicide."

John Docherty, manager of the new leaders, wrote in his programme notes that former Liverpool sage Bill Shankly never looked at the League table until November, but he admitted: "It's nice to see us there again."

"We hit the top around October last season and it was a marvellous feeling for everyone at the club. Maybe it's old hat now but we've done it again and done it by knocking four goals past the team that was on top."

Now Docherty's target is not only to stay there but to become the last team to lose their unbeaten record in the League,

just as they did last season.

"We're in exalted company in the First Division," he said. "The other two unbeaten teams are Liverpool and Norwich, so it would be a nice feeling to be the last to lose again, hopefully around my birthday — on April 30."

Bookmakers make Millwall an 80-1 chance of lifting the title. Realists all, they see Liverpool and Arsenal slugging it out again at the end of the season.

It must be said that neither of the heavyweights did anything yesterday to undermine that view.

Liverpool won 3-0 at Derby with England duo Peter Beard-

sley and John Barnes adding to a 50th minute goal from ace striker Ian Rush.

Liverpool eased into fifth place, three points behind Millwall, two behind Everton, 3-2 winners over Manchester United, and one adrift of Norwich and Coventry.

Norwich could have gone top but instead scrambled an exciting 4-4 draw at home to Southampton. Norwich manager Dave Straker complained: "While supporters may love these sorts of games I felt as though I was having a dozen heart attacks."

Arsenal are eighth after a 5-0 thrashing of bottom club Sheffield Wednesday, the champions' manager George Graham saying: "We are not getting carried away... at this stage of the season there is no point in being too depressed, or too elated."

Manchester United travelled to Everton without their injured midfield strength of England internationals Bryan Robson and Neil Webb.

Everton put three past United in the first 55 minutes, and although the visitors rallied bravely the Liverpool side could still afford the luxury of a missed penalty four minutes from time.

The most relieved face in Scotland belonged to Mo Johnston, Glasgow Rangers' first Catholic signing, who headed home the 53rd minute winner against Aberdeen.

Celtic lost to modest St Mirren, who on the opening day of the season won at Rangers.

After four games in the Premier Division two points cover all 10 clubs with, despite yesterday's games, Celtic still top and Rangers still bottom.

## Health centre

The health centre at the Kuwait Sports Club, in Keifan, recently celebrated the second anniversary of its opening. The function was attended by the staff and instructors (ladies and men) of the centre. Above: some of the guests waiting for a share of the cake.

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BASEBALL  
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Yankees  
defeated

NEW YORK, Sept. 10, (AP): The American League's two longest current winning streaks came to an end yesterday when both the New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers lost.

The Yankees had their nine-game winning streak stopped in a 7-0 loss to the Oakland Athletics, while the Tigers had their seven-game streak snapped in a 13-3 loss to Chicago.

The Yankees and rookie Clay Parker, 4-5, were matching zeroes with Oakland's Mike Moore before a routine fly ball was lost in the sun by left fielder Mel Hall with two out in the sixth inning to open the floodgates to the A's victory.

"Parker was pitching a strong game but we caught a break with that fly ball," said A's manager Tony La Russa, whose club is now 27-7 in day games at the Oakland Coliseum and 43-14 overall in the daylight.

White Sox 13, Tigers 3  
Detroit right fielder Scott Luscader tied a Major League record by committing three errors in Chicago's seven-run first inning.

Luscader committed two fielding errors and one throwing error, the eighth Major League outfielder to commit three errors in an inning and the first in the American League since 1925.

Royals 3, Twins 1  
Bret Saberhagen pitched three-hit ball through eight innings, becoming the American League's second 18-game winner, and Bo Jackson had three RBIs as the Kansas City Royals beat the Minnesota Twins 3-1.

Results  
American League  
Chicago 13, Detroit 3  
Oakland 7, New York 0  
Toronto 7, Cleveland 1  
Kansas City 3, Minnesota 2  
Baltimore 4, Texas 2  
California 8, Boston 3  
Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 3

National League  
Pittsburgh 3, New York 5  
Atlanta 2, Cincinnati 1  
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2  
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 1  
Houston 8, San Francisco 1  
San Diego 6, Los Angeles 1

Standings  
East Division  
W L Pct GB  
Toronto 79 64 .552 1-1/2  
Baltimore 72 66 .520 7-1/2  
Milwaukee 72 72 .500 7-1/2  
Boston 70 72 .491 8-1/2  
New York 67 77 .465 12-1/2  
Cleveland 61 83 .423 18-1/2  
Detroit 54 90 .375 25-1/2

West Division  
W L Pct GB  
Oakland 86 56 .606  
Kansas City 82 59 .582 3-1/2  
California 81 67 .547 4-1/2  
Texas 72 69 .511 12-1/2  
Minnesota 70 71 .496 15-1/2  
Seattle 61 80 .433 24-1/2  
Chicago 59 82 .418 26-1/2

## Quirot scores easy victory

## Bile powers past Coe

BARCELONA, (Reuters): World champion Abdi Bile spoiled Sebastian Coe's retirement party yesterday by winning a dramatic world cup 1,500 metres which plunged the Briton into more controversy.

Bile threatened to force Coe off the track as he powered past the final bend and the double Olympic champion had to shove out an arm to fend off the surging Somali.

Bile romped clear to win in three minutes 35.56 seconds with Coe, making his final appearance in a British vest after an illustrious 12-year career, hanging on to take second.

British officials immediately lodged a protest which was turned down by the track referee and later by the jury of appeal.

But 32-year-old Coe, Olympic gold medalist in 1980 and 1984, was clearly upset that his final appearance in a British vest had tarnished.

"My over-riding feeling is of disappointment that it should have finished in this way," Coe said. "I just want to walk away from it all."

Unbeaten Cuban Ana Quirot provided the other highlight of the second day, cruising home triumphant for the Americas in the women's 800 metres in the third fastest time ever of 1:54.44.

East Germany's world and Olympic champion Sigrun Wodars was left struggling as Quirot, who missed the Seoul Games because of a Cuban boycott, eased away in the closing 100 metres to win by six metres.

The East Germans ended the day with 86 points and firmly on course to win their fourth successive women's title. They led by 15 from the Soviet Union.

Defending champions the United States shared the lead with Europe in the men's com-

petition with 96 points. East Germany were third 11 points back.

Controversy has dogged Coe in recent years, flaring over his selection for the 1984 Olympics and omission from the British team for last year's Seoul Games.

He desperately wanted to celebrate his final British appearance with a victory and looked capable of achieving it as he took charge of the 1,500 with 300 metres remaining.

He hit the front and poured on the pace as Bile, running for Africa, slid into second.

But the 26-year-old American-based Somali, fastest man in the world over the distance this year, drove for the line rounding the bend and flinched with disaster as he and Coe entered the final straight.

Coe battled to hold off East German Jens-Peter Herold to secure second place in 3:35.79.

Then he watched with a face of fury as the giant scoreboard

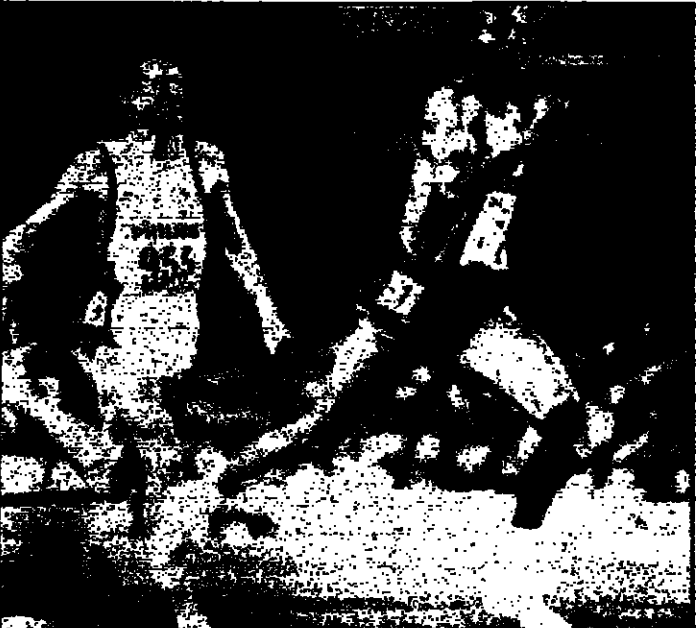
replayed the incident but shook Bile firmly by the hand and waved to the crowd after receiving his silver medal on the victory rostrum.

"The clash knocked me out of my stride and was enough to cause problems," Coe said.

But Bile insisted: "I don't feel I cut him off. He just grabbed my back. I don't think I did anything."

East German Cornelia Oschkenat retained her 100 metres hurdles title by powering into a headwind to record the fastest time in the world this year of 12.60 seconds.

World and Olympic champion Natalya Lisovskaya of the Soviet Union finished a surprising fourth in the women's shot while Cuban Silvia Costa won the women's high jump for the Americas but failed with three attempts at a world record of 2.10 metres.



Bile (right) stays ahead of Coe. (Reuters wirephoto).



Oschkenat goes the last hurdle. (Reuters wirephoto).

## Gower dismissed for duck

LONDON, Sept. 10, (Reuters): "David Gower's miserable week was brought to a miserable end when he was dismissed for a duck in Leicestershire's county championship match against Essex at Grace Road yesterday."

Gower, sacked as England captain on Thursday and then left out of the West Indies tour party 24 hours later, had watched Graham Gooch, his successor as England skipper, make a splendid 158 earlier in the day.

Gooch and Australian Mark Waugh, whose twin brother Steve played a leading part in Australia's 4-0 Ashes triumph over England this summer, put on 272 for the third wicket.

Gooch eventually lost his middle stump to Jonathan Agnew after a 285-minute stay, but Waugh continued the charge with a career-best

165 in three minutes short of five hours as Essex compiled 415 all out in their first innings. Waugh hit 19 fours, two sixes and a five.

The quick departure of Leicestershire opener Nigel Brins then let in Gower for an innings he could have done without.

He put bat to the first four deliveries but then shuffled across a straight one from Derek Pringle, missed it and was out leg before.

Scores  
At Southampton: Glamorgan 274 in 111.2 overs. Hampshire 137 for six in 66 overs (R. Smith 42 not out).

At the Oval: Surrey 404 for five (M. Lynch 143 not out) v Kent.

At Lord's: Sussex 438 in 155 overs (P. Parker 136, T. Dodemaide 46) v Middlesex.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 259 in 94.1 overs. Somerset 165 in 69.3

overs (J. Hardy 40, C. Walsh four for 33, D. Graveney four for 37).

At Scarborough: Lancashire 347 in 98 overs and 66 for no wicket. Yorkshire 237 in 77 overs (C. Pickles 62, M. Moxon 54, A. Sidebottom 40, J. Fitton five for 53).

At Derby: Nottinghamshire 330 in 83.2 overs (D. Randall 70, C. Scott 51, E. Hemmings 47, M. Jean-Jacques four for 84). Derbyshire 111 for two in 42 overs (J. Morris 40 not out, A. Brown 46 not out).

At Leicester: Essex 415 in 119.2 overs (M. Waugh 165, G. Gooch 158, J. Agnew five for 89). Leicestershire 48 for three in 16 overs.

At Edgbaston: Northamptonshire 179 in 73.4 overs (A. Fordham 50, D. Capel 46, G. Small four for 49) v Warwickshire.

## Dashing Blade narrow winner

DUBLIN, Sept. 10, (Reuters): Dashing Blade, ridden by John Matthias, emerged a three-quarters of length winner of the Group One National Stakes horse race yesterday, but not before a stewards' inquiry.

Dashing Blade, at 3-1, edged past Vincent O'Brien's Wedding Bouquet, a 6-1 chance ridden by John Reid. The 2-1 favourite Book of the Band, ridden by South African Michael Roberts, was a neck away third in the seventh furlong (1.4-km) event which is confined to two-year-olds.

Wedding Bouquet appeared to obstruct a rival on the rails and Dashing Blade failed to keep a straight course in the closing stages.



Costa clears the bar to win the women's high jump. (Reuters wirephoto)

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Virginia surprise  
No. 12 Penn State

NEW YORK, Sept. 10, (AP): Penn State had its first losing season in 50 years in 1988. The 1989 season didn't start any better.

Shawn Moore threw two first-half touchdown passes to Herman Moore as Virginia upset the 12th-ranked Nittany Lions 14-6 yesterday. Penn State, which managed only two second-half field goals by Ray Tarasi, lost for the sixth time in seven games — its worst stretch in Joe Paterno's 23 years as coach.

"I'm disappointed but not discouraged," Paterno said. "I don't think it's a crushing defeat."

No. 3 Miami Fla. 51, Wisconsin 3  
Craig Erickson shook off a sluggish start to throw four touchdown passes, including two to Wesley Carroll, as the Hurricanes won in their first game under Dennis Erickson.

No. 4 Nebraska 48, 14 Illinois 17  
Ken Clark, who gained all his yardage in 20 minutes before leaving with a minor knee injury, rushed for 168 yards and one touchdown as the Cornhuskers, 1-0, overcame five first-half turnovers.

No. 5 Auburn 55, Pacific 0  
Alexander Wright caught four long touchdown passes to set a Southeastern Conference yardage record and Auburn piled up 586 yards in total offense.

No. 8 Oklahoma 33, Baylor 7  
Backup quarterback Chris Nelson scored once and directed two other first-half touchdowns in drives. Oklahoma gained 338 yards, all rushing and held Baylor to 206 yards.

No. 9 Colorado 45, Colorado St 20  
Eric Bienemy ran for 156 yards and three touchdowns for Colorado, which trailed 17-14 midway through the second quarter but scored on four consecutive possessions for a 38-20 lead.

No. 10 Clemson 34, No. 16 Florida St 23  
Terry Allen scored three touchdowns in the first half, including a 73-yard scoring run for Clemson.

No. 14 Syracuse 43, Temple 2  
Bill Schurr completed 14 of 20 passes for 154 yards as the Orangemen won their fourth straight over the Owls.

Mississippi St 26, No. 18 Mississippi 23  
Joel Logan, whose missed extra point led to a tie, kicked a 34-yard field goal with four seconds left.

## Results

1. Notre Dame (1-0-0) did not play; next: Sept. 16 at No. 2 Michigan. 2. Michigan (0-0-0) did not play; next: Sept. 16 vs No. 1 Notre Dame. 3. Miami, Florida (1-0-0) beat Wisconsin 51-3; next: Sept. 16 at Michigan State. 4. Nebraska (1-0-0) beat Northern Illinois 48-17; next: Sept. 16 vs. Utah. 5. Auburn (0-0-0) beat U. of Pacific 55-0; next: Sept. 16 vs No. 18 Southern Mississippi. 6. UCLA (0-0-0) lost to Tennessee 24-6; next: Sept. 16 at San Diego State. 7. Arkansas (0-0-0) did not play; next: Sept. 16 vs Tulsa. 8. Oklahoma (2-0-0) beat Baylor 33-7; next: Sept. 16 at No. 20 Arizona. 9. Colorado (2-0-0) beat Colorado State 45-20; next: Sept. 16 vs No. 11 Illinois. 10. Clemson (1-0-0) beat No. 16 Florida State 34-23; next: Sept. 16 at Virginia Tech. 11. Illinois (1-0-0) did not play; next: Sept. 16 at No. 14 Colorado. 12. Penn State (0-1-0) lost to Virginia 14-6; next: Sept. 16 vs Temple. 13. Southern Cal (0-1-0) did not play; next: Sept. 16 vs Utah State. 14. Syracuse (1-0-0) beat Temple 43-3; next: Sept. 17 vs Army. 15. Texas A-and-M (1-1-0) lost to Washington 19-6; next: at Texas Christian. 16. Florida State (0-1-0) lost to No. 10 Clemson 34-23; next: Sept. 16 at No. 21 Louisiana State. 17. West Virginia (2-0-0) beat Maryland 14-10; next: Sept. 16 vs South Carolina. 18. Southern Mississippi (1-0-0) lost to Mississippi State 26-23; next: Sept. 16 at No. 5 Auburn. 19. Alabama (0-0-0) did not play; next: Sept. 16 vs Memphis State. 20. Arizona (1-0-0) lost to Texas Tech 34-13; next: Sept. 16 vs No. 8 Oklahoma. 21. Louisiana State (0-1-0) did not play; next: Sept. 16 vs No. 16 Florida State. 22. Houston (1-0-0) did not play; next: Sept. 23 at Arizona State. 23. Pittsburgh (2-0-0) beat Boston College 29-10; next: Sept. 23 vs No. 14 Syracuse. 24. Brigham Young (1-1-0) lost to Washington State 46-41 (Thursday); next: Sept. 16 at Navy. 25. North Carolina State (2-0-0) beat Georgia Tech 38-28; next: Sept. 16 at Wake Forest.

Bordeaux  
increase  
gap at top

PARIS, Sept. 10, (Reuters): Two goals from West German striker Klaus Allofs gave Bordeaux a 2-0 away win at Toulon yesterday to extend their lead in the French Soccer League to two points.

Allofs, signed from last season's double winners Marseille this summer, struck in the 41st and 48th minutes to give the leaders a brilliant victory over fourth-placed Toulon who had not conceded a single goal at home previously this season.

Bordeaux moved on to 15 points, two more than Paris Saint-Germain and three more than Marseille.

Marseille's away match with Monaco was postponed until November because the club from the principality face an away trip for a Cup-Winners' Cup game with Belenenses of Portugal on Tuesday.

Paris Saint-Germain surprisingly dropped a point in a 2-2 draw at the Parc des Princes in a Derby game with Racing Paris but, in the end, were thankful to avoid defeat.

They trailed 2-0 after just 17 minutes when the young Racing team scored through Jean-Louis Lima and Thierry Fernier. They salvaged a point only when Argentine forward Gabriel Calderon converted his second penalty of the match three minutes from time.

The spot kick, awarded when defender Yvon Le Roux fell in the box, appeared harsh.

Results  
St Etienne 1, Lyon 0  
Brest 2, Cannes 0  
Metz 0, Nice 0  
Racing Paris 2, P S 2  
Lille 2, Auxerre 1  
Caen 2, Nantes 0  
Montpellier 1, Toulouse 0  
Sochaux 0, Mulhouse 0  
Toulon 0, Bordeaux 2  
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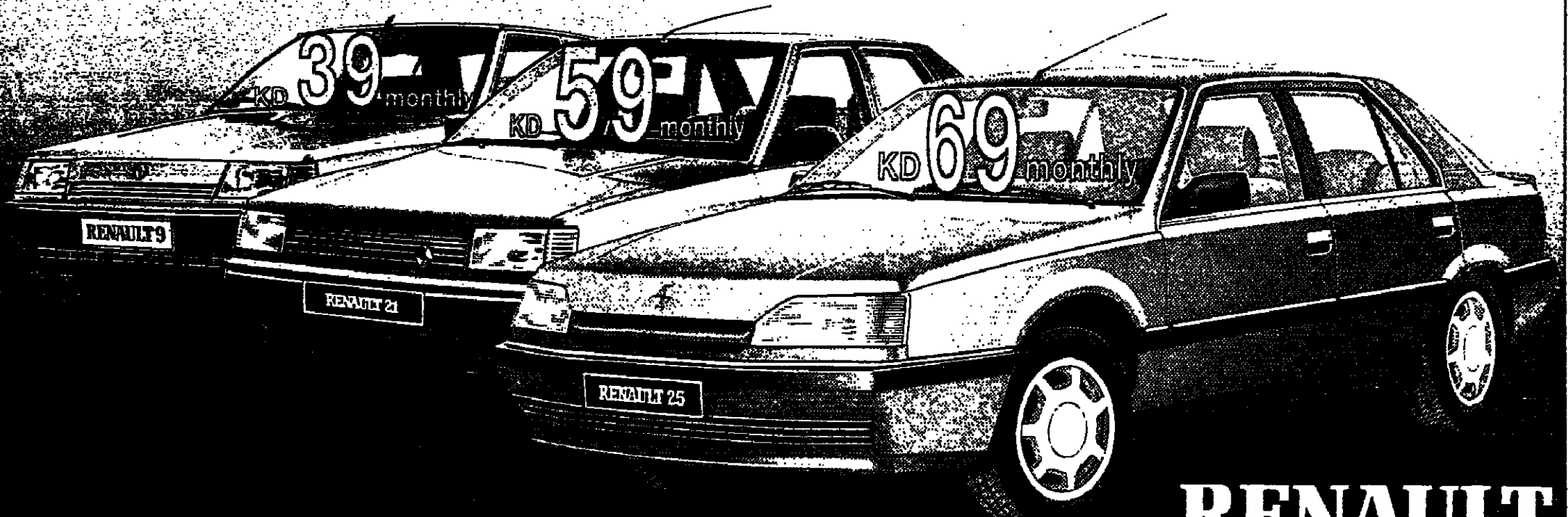
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Graf fights back to defeat Navratilova

# Lendl to face Becker in final

NEW YORK, Sept 10, (Reuters): Top-seed Ivan Lendl turned back Andre Agassi 7-6-1 3-6-1 yesterday to set up a US Open showdown with second-ranked Wimbledon champion Boris Becker while Steffi Graf reaffirmed her status as world number one by overtaking Martina Navratilova 3-6-7-5-6-1 to repeat as women's tennis champion.

Lendl, this year's Australian Open winner, was slow off the starting blocks but picked up his pace to reach a record-equaling eighth consecutive US Open final.

The three-time champion came racing back from 2-5 down in the first set to eliminate the sixth-seeded American and tie Bill Tilden's record of eight successive appearances in the US national final from 1918-1925. Becker shook off a sluggish start of his own before beating 14th-seeded American Aaron Krickstein 6-4 6-3 6-4 in the opening match of the US Open programme played in sweltering heat.

Lendl is 7-6 in career meetings with Becker, but the West German has won the last three — a pair of Wimbledon semifinals and last year's Masters final.

The top seed was unconcerned by his recent problems with Becker, especially since today's showdown was to take place on Lendl's favourite hardcourt arena.

"I'm trying to win the Open tomorrow. The past doesn't mean anything. Everybody starts equal," Lendl said.

Agassi, who lost to Lendl, at the same stage in 1988, represented the last chance this year to end a five-year US drought here. John McEnroe in 1984 was the last American to win the US Open.

Becker, who reached his first Grand Slam final other than Wimbledon, ended an even long



Steffi Graf holds up the trophy after winning the title. (Reuters wirephoto).

ger drought for his country with his victory. The world number two will be the first German to play in the men's final of the US Championships since 1937 when Baron Gottfried von Cramm lost to American Don Budge in five sets.

Agassi, who took the first set from Lendl last year, appeared on his way to winning the open-

ing set in the rematch with a fourth game service break as the top seed repeatedly overhit, long and wide.

Lendl broke back for 5-4 to put the set back on serve and held for 6-6 to force a tiebreak.

The top seed turned up the heat with three aces to take the tiebreak 7-4 and was on his way. Lendl, who is tough to beat

under normal circumstances, is 55-1 in US open matches where he has won the opening set.

Becker, usually a big serve and volleyer, opted to play a baseline groundstroke game with Krickstein.

The booming serve and punishing volleys Becker used to oust Frenchman Yannick Noah in the quarterfinals were nowhere in sight through the first two sets.

"It's not so fast so you can not all the time serve and volley," Becker said of the stadium's hardcourt surface. "You have to find a balance."

Becker found the balance in the third set when he broke out the big serve that has carried him to victory at Wimbledon.

Krickstein, playing in his first Grand Slam semifinal, let far too many break opportunities slip away. And each time he did break Becker, the West German broke right back in the next game to recapture momentum.

Meanwhile, Graf, hobbled by cramps in the final games of her three-set triumph over teenage rival Gabriela Sabatini on Friday, showed no ill effects as she surged to victory after falling a set down against a rejuvenated Navratilova.

Navratilova, who flashed her brilliant serve-and-volley form of old to win the opening set, failed to avenge three-set defeats to Graf in the last two Wimbledon finals, which deprived her of capturing a record ninth crown.

As in those disappointing results, Navratilova, 32, won the first set before fading under the weight of Graf's ferocious groundstrokes that wore the Czechoslovak-born American down by the end of the one-hour, 51 minute match.

Navratilova had everything going her way at the start, serving and volleying perfectly. She looked ready to end a two-year

Grand Slam famine in which she failed to add to her collection of 17 titles after beating Graf for her fourth Open crown in 1987.

A service break at love in the eighth game gave the opening set to Navratilova, who fought off three break points in the third game and another in the seventh before forcing Graf into three quick mistakes to take the lead.

Navratilova, flawless with her sharply angled volleys, threatened to break in the first game of the second set and after holding serve at love broke Graf to lead 2-1 as she charged forward at every chance.

Graf glowed with determination as possible defeat drew near and took to the net herself with fiery aggression.

Two volleys made it 0-30 in the eighth game and Navratilova, showing the first signs of weakness, double-faulted to give Graf a triple break point.

The break evened the set at 4-4 and set the stage for the turning point.

An overhand smash from deuce in the next game gave Navratilova a break point and put her five points away from winning.

But Graf averted disaster by streaking past the sideline to retrieve a cross-court service return that looked a sure winner. Instead, Graf struck a backhand cross-court winner of her own and held from there.

Graf levelled the match three games later by blasting sizzling passing shots past a broken Navratilova, who never recovered.

A Navratilova double fault gave Graf a 3-1 lead in the final set and the result was then never in doubt as Graf sailed through to her eighth Grand Slam title.

The triumph continued Graf's reign as the unquestioned queen of women's tennis.

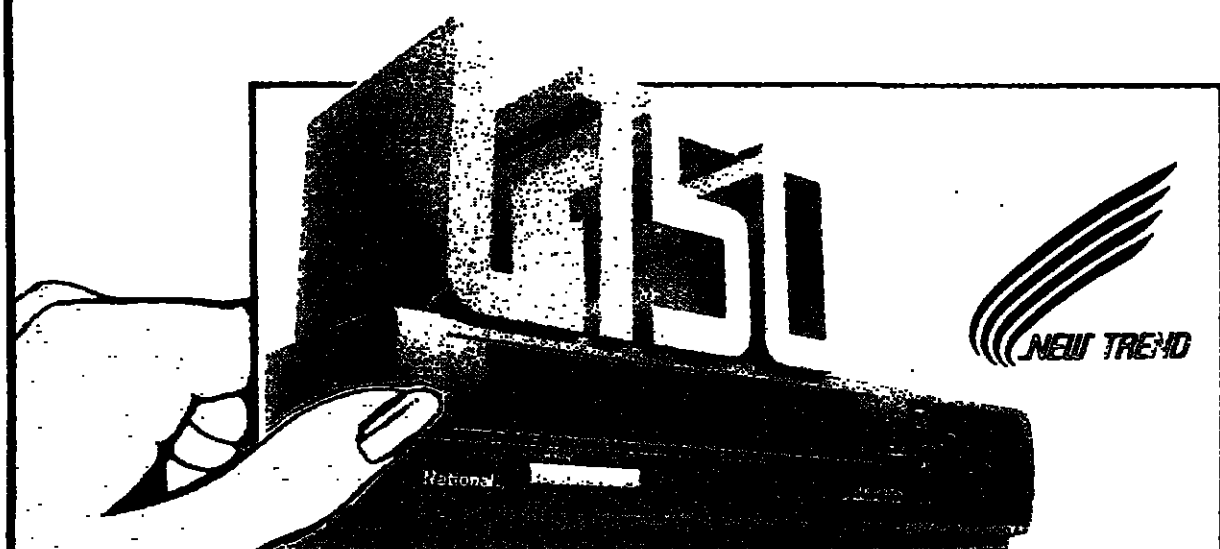


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Navratilova closes her eyes after losing her match. (Reuters wirephoto).

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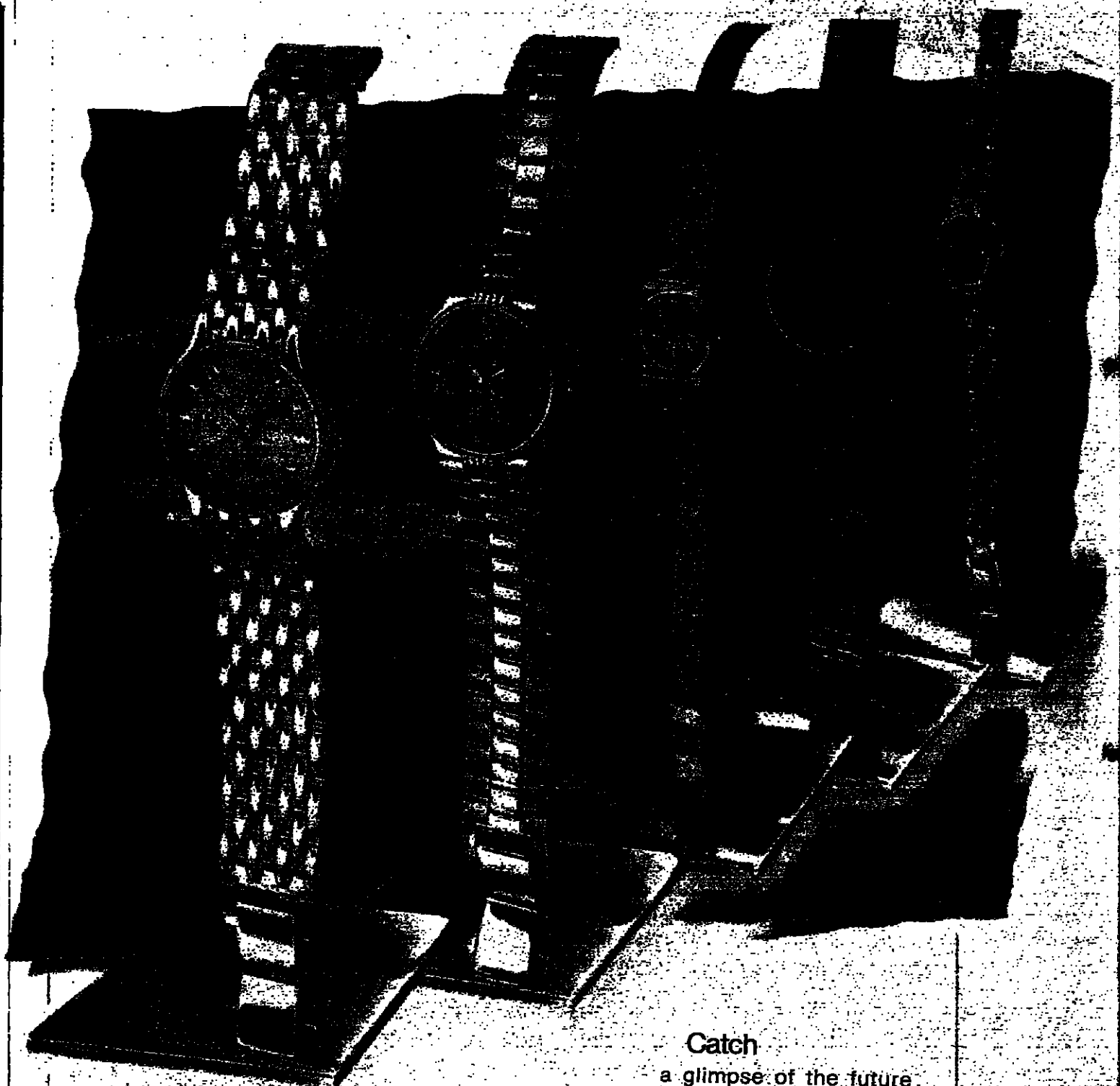
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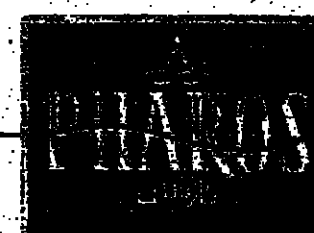
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